

Lawn Care Tips

Spring is a time of rejuvenation.
It's time for some lawn TLC.



TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LAWN:

- **REMOVE** — Remove damaged and dead vegetation.
- **RESEED** — Reseed bare spots caused by salt with a salt-tolerant grass mix. Then keep the ground moist for 3-4 weeks.
- **KEEP GRASS LONG** — 2-1/2 to 3 inches long for the healthiest growth.
- **WAIT TO FERTILIZE** — Fall is the best time to fertilize.

TIPS FOR KEEPING POLLUTANTS OUT:*

- **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY** — When applying and disposing of lawn-care products, please follow all instructions.
- **SWEEP UP** — Sweep up lawn products that fall on driveways or sidewalks.
- **REUSE** — Reuse or properly dispose of lawn products or chemical waste.
- **KEEP DRAINS CLEAR** — Keep storm drains clear of debris.
- **AVOID STREET WASTE** — Do not rake leaves or shoot grass clippings into the street. Compost yard waste or bag it and bring to the dump. The City of Detroit Lakes has a nuisance ordinance that prohibits putting yard waste onto City streets and sidewalks as it not only causes phosphate runoff, but it also creates hazardous, slippery conditions when wet and plugs catch basins, causing local flooding.
- **“DOUBLE BAG” PET WASTE** — And dispose of all pet waste in trash.
- **CLEAN** — Clean material from gutters.
- **DIRECT** — Direct downspouts onto grass.

* Pollutants include phosphorus and other chemicals. Phosphorus is found in organic materials-soil, grass, leaves, fertilizers, and pet waste. In waters, they feed algae. Chemicals are often part of spring fix up efforts-paints, oils, and cleaners. Both can get into storm sewers, washed off by rainwater and snow runoff. It is not treated! It goes directly into area lakes and streams.

