



PHOSPHATE CONTROL KEEP STOW'S WATERWAYS CLEAN AND HEALTHY!

Phosphates are one of the largest threats to the natural beauty and quality of Stow's lakes and waterways. Following some simple guidelines will keep our waters clean for future generations!

- Use fertilizer sparingly and try to find phosphate-free fertilizer.
- Mow your lawn 2-3 inches tall and leave grass clippings where they fall.
- Leaf piles are a huge cause of algae blooms after a storm; haul away, compost, or mulch leaves in place on your lawn.
- Test your soil! Not only will you learn what your lawn and plants need for nutrition, it can help you not cause polluted stormwater runoff.
- Report any non-stormwater discharges or illegal dumping into drainage systems.



**Never pour
chemicals down a
storm drain!**

**Aim roof downspouts
away from paved
surfaces**

**Pick up after your
pets! Disposal of
waste in a trash
barrel**

**Considering using
rain barrels**

**Utilize commercial
car washes that
recycle their water**

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