



## Healthy Lawn Tips



### Use only P-free fertilizers.

Most northeastern lawns and 75% of Chittenden County VT lawns tested had enough phosphorus.

### Take a soil test.

Learn about your lawn's nutrient content, pH level, and organic content.

### Look for the middle

**number** on fertilizer bags to see the N-P-K nutrient analysis. A zero for the middle number indicates no phosphorus.



### Fertilize once each year.

The best time in this region is early fall.





## “P” Stands for Phosphorus

Phosphorus (P) is a nutrient found naturally in the environment and is necessary for life. But too much of it in our lakes can feed unsightly, smelly and potentially toxic cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) blooms.

## What’s the Fuss About Phosphorus?

Phosphorus is the most problematic pollutant in Lake Champlain and in many other lakes in Vermont and northern New York. Phosphorus is washed off the landscape and into waterways when it rains.

### Learn more



#### The “Lawn to Lake” Partners:

- Composting Association of Vermont
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton County
- Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Lake Champlain Committee
- Lake Champlain Sea Grant/ UVM Extension
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

