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Neighborhood Watershed

Smart Fertilizing To Save Your Watershed and \$ome Green!

Often times, it is perceived that if a little is good, then a lot is great! Over-application of any lawn chemical is harmful to the quality of your watershed. It results in runoff that carries toxic level of chemicals or excessive nutrients into lakes, streams, ponds, and ground water. Many fertilizers also threaten our ecosystem and pose severe health risks for humans, pets, wildlife, and aquatic organisms.

What can you do to help?

Follow Fertilizer Instructions

- Read labels on lawn chemicals carefully and always apply products sparingly.

Go Natural

- Consider compost or natural lawn chemical alternatives. Composting creates natural, slow-release fertilizer and soil-enhancing material.

Landscape with Native Plants

- Use plants that have deep roots and are naturally adapted to the climate and soil. Their natural properties eliminate or reduce the need for mowing, watering, and application for fertilizers or pesticides.

Be Aware Where You Fertilize

- Use caution on slopes and lawn edges so fertilize will not wash into nearby storm sewers or waterways.

Let Fertilizers Dry Property

- Allow proper drying time for liquid chemicals, and never use lawn chemicals before a heavy rainfall is expected.

Get a Free Soil Test

- Johnson County residents can receive a free soil test at the Kansas State Research Extension Office. This helps make sure that your soil has the best balance of nutrients. Call (913) 715-7050 for further details.

Paying attention to fertilizer application helps provide you with a healthy lawn and ensures that in Shawnee, Clean Water Starts Here! For questions, concerns, or to report stormwater pollution, contact Jonathan Wiles, CET at (913) 742-6292 or stormwater@cityofshawnee.org.





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Go GREEN and \$ave Money!

Not only can you go GREEN, but you can save some GREEN with your own rain barrel! Shawnee is offering a class on **Saturday, April 11** participants will learn how to build their own rain barrels. The workshops will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Parks Maintenance Facility, 12321 Johnson Drive. All supplies are included with the \$50 class fee. Participants can sign up at www.shawneeconnect.org or by calling 631-5200.

Grant reimbursements are available for 50% of the cost of the class through the BMP Cost/Share Program! Call 742-6292 for more information about the grant.



Contact the Stormwater Division to report an illicit discharge or stormwater related issue at 742-6230 or stormwater@cityofshawnee.org