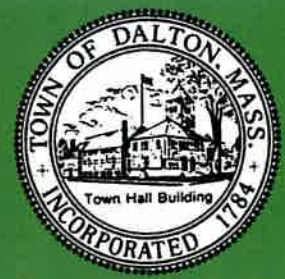


# Prevent Stormwater Pollution Spring Tips



## **Keep Grass Clippings Out of Storm Drains**



Please keep grass clippings off streets and sidewalks by raking them back onto your lawn. Rain washes clippings into storm drains where they break down and release nitrogen that flows to Long Island Sound, where excess nitrogen is a water quality problem. Be a good neighbor, compost at home or, if you have a permit, bring clippings & leaves to the Transfer Station.

## **Use Slow Release Fertilizers**

Choose slow-release fertilizers, they deliver nitrogen and phosphorus over 4–8 weeks and reduce runoff compared to quick-release products. These nutrients are beneficial on your lawn but harmful in our waterways. Avoid applying within 48 hours of rain.



## **Wash Your Car Responsibly**

Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash where wastewater is collected and treated. This helps keep soapy water, oil and grease out of storm drains and our rivers.



## **Always Pick Up Your Pet's Waste**

Dispose of pet waste in the trash, never down a storm drain.

It's also a thoughtful thing to do!

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