

Public Service Announcement - Lawn Mowing (May 2005)

O.K., the weekend is here and it's time to mow the lawn, then you can go enjoy the lake. But, when you get to the lake there is a collective "YUCK" when everyone sees all the algae. Believe it or not, mowing the lawn contributed to the algae. Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns the lake green with algae. Clippings from actively growing lawns have 4 to 5 times more phosphorus content than fallen autumn leaves.

What does that mean to you? When you mow your lawn, direct the clippings away from the street, driveways, sidewalks, and other paved areas. Sweep up your grass clippings and return them to the lawn. Lastly, mow your grass at a high setting and let the short grass blades fall back onto the lawn as natural fertilizer.

The Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium is a partnership of area communities working together to educate you on how we can make great strides in protecting and enjoying our environment.