

Top 10 Urban Nutrient Management Practices to Protect Water Quality, Use Fertilizer Sparingly, and Potentially Save \$



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1 Keep fertilizer and grass clippings off paved surfaces
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2 Retain clippings and mulched leaves on the lawn—these are natural fertilizers and can help your lawn stay healthy
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3 Avoid fertilizer applications when grass growth slows (below 50°F). NY prohibits application of any lawn fertilizer December 1 - April 1
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4 Do not apply fertilizer within 20 feet of a water feature
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5 Fertilizer applications should not be made during intense summer heat when fertilizer can burn the lawn
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6 Fertilizer (of any kind) is not necessary if grass has desirable function, growth and quality
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7 Set mower height at 3.5 inches or taller—grass at this height is healthier, and more drought resistant
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8 Avoid non-nitrogen fertilizer unless a soil test indicates a deficiency
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9 Use slow-release N fertilizer, especially on sandy soils, to limit runoff
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10 If more assistance is needed, work with a professional to develop an UNMP based on a soil test analysis

N = nitrogen • P = phosphorus
N and P are harmful when washed into waterbodies

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For more information, visit <https://www.u-s-c.org/urbannutrientmanagement>
For questions or concerns, email: urbannutrients@u-s-c.org

I Pledge to Use the Top 10 Urban Nutrient Management Practices to Protect Water Quality and Use Fertilizer Sparingly

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Approximate size of your yard in square feet or acres: _____



Submit via mail or complete online at:
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Please tear this off and keep as a reminder to maintain your lawn using these 10 nutrient management practices
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