

# SUSTAINABLE LAWNCARE

## ● FOR YOUR HOME TURF

What you do in the comfort of your yard affects our local waterways. We encourage you to care for your lawn in a way that prevents pollutants from going into local streams and rivers. Clean water not only looks good, it's vital to life!

## A Healthier Lawn Means Cleaner Water

### Feed the Soil: It's Alive!

Investing in at least 6" of quality topsoil for new homes promotes healthy grass establishment, and less money spent on future watering and fertilization.

Consider using natural products that originate with plants or animals. Living organisms and organic matter from manure and compost build healthy plants over time that are more resilient to stress and disease.



### No One Needs Weeds

Management practices like proper irrigation, mowing at 3", and reseeding bare or thin spots in the fall can help prevent weeds and bugs.

Avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides, or spot-treat rather than treating in a large area.

Contact the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio ([swaco.org](http://swaco.org)) for proper disposal of lawn care products.



## Back to the Basics

Don't tease your lawn with an occasional sprinkle when it's hot. Either water it regularly and deeply, or let it go dormant- both are okay, but irregular watering stresses grass.

Choose to keep light clippings and mulched leaves on your lawn to build better soil easily.

Grass benefits from fertilizer when it's actively growing in the spring and fall, but not very much during summer. Fall fertilization is best for root development.

Consider organic lawn care products that use recycled waste byproducts.

Install a rain barrel or plant a rain garden to use rain to work for you. For rebate information, visit [communitybackyards.org](http://communitybackyards.org)



### REPORT POLLUTION IN NEW ALBANY

You can report water pollution to the New Albany Public Service Department by calling **614-855-0076** or e-mailing [publicservice@newalbanyohio.org](mailto:publicservice@newalbanyohio.org)

Following these lawn care tips will reduce pollution in our streams by promoting healthy lawns that absorb more stormwater. Learn more about New Albany's stormwater program by visiting:

[newalbanyohio.org/answers/stormwater](http://newalbanyohio.org/answers/stormwater)



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