



**WHEN YOU'RE  
FERTILIZING  
THE LAWN,**

**REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST  
FERTILIZING THE LAWN...**

You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains, washing the fertilizer into the storm drain, and directly into our streams, rivers, and lakes. This causes algae blooms (like in Geist recently), which use up oxygen that fish need to survive.

So if you fertilize, please follow these hints:

- **Buy Low** – Choose a fertilizer with low or no phosphorus (the middle number).
- **Sweep It** – Sweep excess fertilizer back onto the lawn to keep it out of drains.
- **Conserve It** – Use fertilizer sparingly. Your yard needs less than you think.

*Separate Storm Sewer Systems – What goes into storm drains flows directly into the environment, untreated.*