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2019 STORMWATER EDUCATION INFORMATION

LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS HOW YOU CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STORMWATER RUNOFF

It's hard to imagine that a green, flourishing lawn could pose a threat to the environment, but fertilizers applied to your lawn are potential pollutants! If applied improperly or in excess, fertilizer can harm lakes and streams and make them unsafe for swimming, boating, and fishing. By following simple steps, Landscaping Professionals and homeowners can have a dramatic effect on improving the quality of local water bodies so that we can continue to enjoy them into the future.

The Town of Arlington Engineering Division is hosting a workshop designed for Landscaping Professionals and interested homeowners on August 28. The goal will be to promote dialog to discuss the very common activity of fertilizer application, the potential effects on water bodies including eutrophication, toxic algae, the impacts on fishing and swimming, and what Landscapers can do to make a positive impact.

Topics will include:

- Soil Sampling – does your lawn really need that fertilizer?
- Lawn versus native plants
- Lawn clippings: bag vs. natural
- Recent Massachusetts Nutrient Regulations
- Sustainable Landscaping
 - organic vs. synthetic
 - edible landscapes
 - green roof & living walls
 - bioswales & rain gardens
- Yard waste and composting
- Paving and hardscaping

The presentation will be held on August 28, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Lyon's Hearing Room, Arlington Town Hall, 2nd floor.