

# Help Keep Arlington Beautiful

Weeds and algae in Spy Pond, Mystic Lakes, and the Arlington Reservoir are fed with phosphorus from stormwater runoff.

Rain and snowmelt carry fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants from lawns and streets into our lakes and ponds.

Great neighbors like you are helping to keep Arlington beautiful.

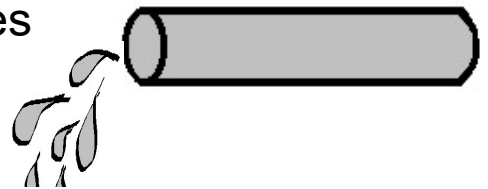
Phosphorus from fertilizer



Runs off into catch basins



Through underground pipes



Into Arlington's beautiful places.



Spy Pond



Mystic Lakes



Arlington Reservoir

**Fertilizer runoff makes these beautiful places less enjoyable for all!**

# Here's What YOU Can Do To Help

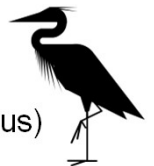


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- Notify your lawn service** that you live in an environmentally sensitive watershed. Tell them to use NO or LOW-Phosphorus, slow-release fertilizer on your lawn.
- Do you need fertilizer? If so, buy NO or LOW-phosphorus, slow-release, fertilizer.** The Phosphorus content is the middle number of the formula. Make sure it is ZERO or LOW (i.e. Formula 15-0-3 or 28-4-8) as established lawns seldom need phosphorus.
- Test your soil for acidity (pH).** Adding lime balances the acidity of the soil & improves lawn growth so minimal fertilizer is required. Lime does not hurt lakes and ponds.
- Pick up after your dog and do not feed the geese, swans, or ducks.** Animal droppings add phosphorus to the pond.

For more information call:

- Brad Barber, Spy Pond Committee (781-646-1744 / bradb@shore.net) or
- Emily Sullivan, Conservation Agent (781-316-3012 / esullivan@town.arlington.ma.us)



## Keep Arlington's beautiful places, beautiful!



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Mystic Lakes



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# Thank you for being a great neighbor!