BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES for Stormwater-Friendly Lawn Care

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FOLLOW THESE TIPS
to help keep our streams running clean

• Only plant species that are suited to the soil type.
• Plant natives as often as possible.
• Make a rain garden to help with flood control and runoff.
• Only plant grass in areas that will actually be used as lawn.
• Plant ground-covers and use mulch to protect the soil from drying out, overheating, and erosion.

• Irrigate with Care:
  ◦ Check sprinkler heads at least once per season.
  ◦ Utilize drip irrigation or use soaker hoses.
  ◦ Group plants of similar moisture needs together.
  ◦ Water lawns and foliage at night or in the early morning.
  ◦ Use a rain gauge to limit overwatering.

• Use Chemicals with Care:
  ◦ Chemicals harm aquatic ecosystems and contaminate drinking water.
  ◦ Follow application directions precisely.
  ◦ Always dispose of chemicals properly.

• Use compost to reduce water pollution and provide a non-toxic fertilizer.
  ◦ Compost also enhances soil and reduces erosion

• Mulch—mow grass clippings and leaves.
  ◦ Never blow grass or leaves into gutters or storm drains.