

A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM THE TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THE TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION recommends the following Lawn Management practices to enhance the water quality of our streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, vernal pool and drainage areas from stormwater runoff.

- 1) Do a soil test before applying fertilizer to determine the amounts necessary for managing good lawns and other turf grass areas.
- 2) Use a slow release nitrogen fertilizer and phosphorus free fertilizer or low phosphorus fertilizer.
- 3) Leave a 25 foot buffer strip of unfertilized grasses or other vegetation around streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools and drainage areas.
- 4) No grass clippings, vegetative materials or vegetative debris may be deposited in streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools and drainage areas. Return clippings where practical.

Please call the Tewksbury Conservation Commission, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 at 978-640-4370 ext 236, if you have any questions.