



Bangor Area Storm Water Group

Reduce your Use of Lawn Chemicals!

Most of your neighbors don't use lawn chemicals, such as fertilizers and pesticides, on their lawns.

Join your neighbors in helping to protect our families and community by reducing your use of lawn chemicals.



Summer Tips For a Healthy Lawn

June - August

(Recommendations from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension)

- Set your mower blade to its highest setting, about 3" is ideal
- Always leave grass clippings on the lawn for free, natural fertilizer
- Water only if your lawn needs it, lawns need 1" of water per week
- Do NOT apply fertilizer at this time, wait until fall, after the summer heat

IT'S EASY TO REDUCE YOUR USE OF LAWN CHEMICALS

Here are some tips to grow a healthy lawn, while joining your neighbors in reducing your use of lawn chemicals:

Fertilize?- Mow high and just leave the clippings on the lawn. If you have to fertilize ask for phosphorus free and use the recommendations found at www.BASWG.org.

Got Weeds? Try spreading perennial ryegrass on your lawn. Repeat as needed throughout the growing season.

Got Bugs or Plant Diseases?- visit pmo.umext.maine.edu/homeowner, or call the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Pest Management experts at 581-3880.

Weed & Feed? Avoid these combination products that contain both fertilizers and pesticides.

For more information on lawn care visit www.BASWG.org or contact the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Penobscot County Office at 942-7396.



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