

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Choose a no phosphorus and slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. Check the first and second number on the package for nitrogen and phosphate content. Formula, 26-0-3, for example, means no phosphate.
2. Apply fertilizer at the spreader setting shown on the bag, to avoid overuse or underuse of product.
3. Return any unused product to the original container for future use.
4. Do not apply fertilizer products if a heavy rain is predicted.
5. Use a drop spreader or a rotary spreader with a side guard to keep fertilizer on the lawn and off driveways, roadways and walkways. Sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces.
6. For a healthier, greener lawn, fertilize after the first lawn cutting in the spring and again in the fall when weather conditions are best for grass to absorb nutrients.
7. Soil tests can help identify what nutrients your lawn needs. Contact your County Extension Agent at <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/> for details and other helpful lawn and garden information.
8. For more information visit www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater

