When you're fertilizing your lawn, you may not be just fertilizing your lawn.

Did you know stormwater can carry excess fertilizer into waterbodies, causing algal blooms and other conditions harmful to wildlife?

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION BY:

1. **APPLYING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER.**
   A little goes a long way.

2. **AVOIDING APPLYING FERTILIZER BEFORE A BIG RAINSTORM.**
   Stormwater can carry too much fertilizer into the storm drains.

3. **USING A SLOW-RELEASE FERTILIZER.**
   Nutrients are released more slowly, extending the time needed between applications.

For more information about the Town of Brewster's Stormwater Program, visit
https://www.brewster-ma.gov/public-works-department

Quiz Time

CLEAN WATER
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

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AN INEXPENSIVE SOIL TEST CAN HELP YOU OPTIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER YOUR LAWN NEEDS.

Soil tests can be purchased at garden supply stores, or you can mail samples to UMass Amherst's Soil Testing Lab.

For instructions on how to order a soil test from UMass Amherst, visit **YourCleanWater.org/lawn**.