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["Critical lawn-care season arrives now" by Amy Ivy - Press Republican, 8/20/07](#)

["Urban, Suburban Pollution Threaten Lake," Burlington Free Press, 8/14/07](#)

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Q. I don't live near the lake or rivers, can my lawn care really impact water quality?

A. YES! Click to learn why....

[Local retailers encouraged to carry P-free fertilizers](#)

["Don't 'P' on Your Lawn" Casin' the Basin Spring 07 \(900 KB PDF\)](#)

["All fertilizers are not alike" by Amy Ivy - Press Republican, 5/7/07](#)

["For A 'Green' Lawn, Focus On Mowing, Not Early Fertilizing,"](#)

DON'T P ON YOUR LAWN!

"P" stands for phosphorus—the most problematic pollutant in Lake Champlain and in many other lakes in Vermont and northern New York. Phosphorus is a nutrient found in most lawn and garden fertilizers. When fertilizers run off from lawns and into lakes, they feed unsightly, smelly and potentially toxic blue-green algal blooms.



Make a Switch! It's easy for home owners and businesses to switch to **P-free** (phosphorus-free) lawn fertilizers to reduce urban sources of phosphorus. Doing so may help reduce algal growth in your favorite lake—and you can still have a beautiful lawn!

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It's the Law! New laws in Vermont and New York that took effect January 1, 2012, prohibit the application of phosphorus fertilizers except in certain circumstances. Fertilizer with phosphorus may be applied to new lawns (or non-agricultural turf in the 1st growing season in New York) or if a soil test indicates a phosphorus deficiency.

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