

A Note to Our Community Regarding Lawn Fertilizer

Too much phosphorus in lakes contributes to excess aquatic plant growth and algae blooms. While lawn fertilizer is certainly not the only source of phosphorus to lakes, some people feel it is an easily preventable one. When phosphorus fertilizer is applied to lawns that already have high levels of phosphorus in the soil, much of it gets carried by rainwater into lakes, streams, and wetlands. In an effort to reduce the amount of phosphorus entering waterbodies, several communities have enacted local ordinances to ban the use or sale of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus. Although our association cannot enact and enforce such a ban, we hope you will please consider using products that minimize any possible negative effect on Highland Lake.

The best thing you can do as a homeowner is to have your soil tested to see if your lawn already has enough phosphorus. If you want to use phosphorus-free fertilizer, look for one with "0" as the middle number.

We would like to thank all of our residents for your continued support and commitment towards the health and future of our lake.