

Concord Public Works Compost Site (Free for Residents)

Location: 755 Walden Street Rt. 126

Hours: Weds. 3-6pm, Sat. 9-3pm
April through Mid December
weather permitting

Sticker: Residents are required to
obtain an access sticker (free).

Materials Accepted: Grass, leaves,
rakeable yard waste, brush, and
Christmas trees.
All material must be placed in paper
leaf bags or barrels.

Composting Bins: Available for
purchase at Concord Public Works
at 133 Keyes Road, Concord, MA

For additional information, please call
Concord Public Works at 978-318-3240 or
visit Concordma.gov



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Concord Public Works
133 Keyes Road
Concord, MA 01742
Address Correction Required

It's that time of the year again...



Let's keep your yards looking
green, and the rivers & lakes
staying blue



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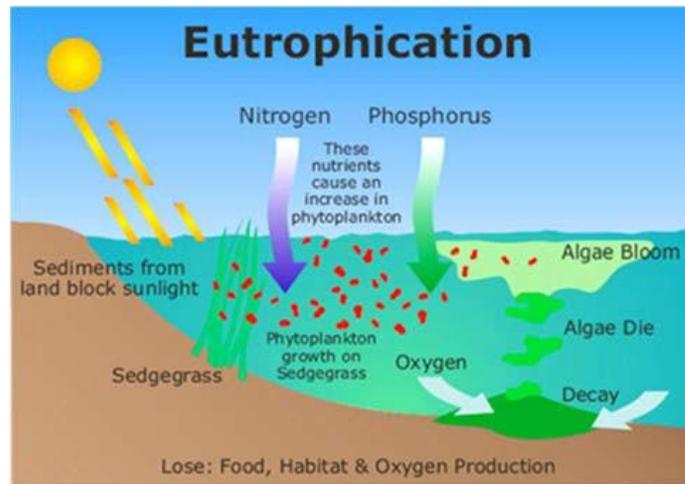


Improper Lawn Care Impairs the Rivers, Lakes, & Streams

High levels of phosphorus and nitrogen that are necessary for plant growth can cause what is called Eutrophication in rivers, lakes, and streams. Eutrophication is the process when water bodies become enriched in nutrients inducing excessive algae growth. The algae deplete oxygen levels within the water body, obstruct fish gills, and are unsightly. The water quality is reduced causing aquatic life to die.

Poor lawn maintenance habits can be one of the factors contributing to eutrophication. Improper disposal of yard/lawn debris, excess fertilizers containing high levels of phosphorous and leaf litter can be collected from run-off during storm events and enter into the storm drains. This nutrient-rich storm water is then discharged to Concord's water bodies magnifying the growth of algal blooms.

Currently, the Assabet River has been identified as an impaired water body with high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen. CPW encourages homeowners to practice good lawn care maintenance habits. For those who use lawn care service companies please inform them about the tips listed in this brochure.



Recommended Lawn Care Tips

- Sweep and bag grass clippings
- Annually test your soil's nutrient levels
- Use slow-release or phosphorus free fertilizer
- Keep yard waste out of the roadways
- Rake and bag leaf litter
- Dispose of yard waste at local compost site
- Compost your own grass clippings and leaf litter



Want to know more?

Concord Public Works has a lot of in depth information which can be found at concordma.gov/greenscapes including:

- Lawn Alternative Demonstration Gardens
- Water-Smart Landscape Templates
- Rain Barrels
- Rain Gardens
- Backyard Composting

