

Utica
Fall 2017 Newsletter

Fall Fertilizing

A lawn care option you may not have considered this fall is fertilizing. Fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn for quickly improving vigor and growing a healthier, greener lawn next spring.

When applying fertilizer this fall, consider:

- **Earth-friendly fertilizers.** The over-application of lawn fertilizers has been linked to water quality problems in local lakes. Earth-friendly fertilizers can reduce the problem by building turf density and health while minimizing the risk of excess nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Try fertilizers that have 50% or more slow-release nitrogen and do not contain herbicides or weed-control.

- **The bright green sticker.** Local hardware stores and garden centers are helping the program by placing a bright green “Earth-Friendly Fertilizer” sticker on the designated bags.

If you use a lawn care service, ask the company if they have earth-friendly fertilizing options. For more information on healthy lawn care providers, contact Michigan Green Industry Association at 248-646-4992 or visit their website at www.landscape.org.