There are millions of lawns in Virginia. Improper or excessive fertilization of these lawns can add potent chemicals to our streams and the Chesapeake Bay’s fragile ecosystem. You can have a great yard while protecting local water quality.

Follow these simple steps recommended by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Cooperative Extension. The Complete Article includes tips on: Choosing the Best Grass; Growing a Greener Lawn; Fertilizing; and Watering.

Tips to Keep Your Lawn GREEN ...and the Chesapeake Bay CLEAN

The winter weather is behind us and grass has begun to grow. Tall grass and weeds create hazards to neighborhood residents and contribute to an unkempt look and feel to a neighborhood. Tall grass can harbor trash and hazards which can be dangerous to neighborhood occupants and children. Pests are more comfortable in these overgrown conditions. A highly overgrown lot becomes very dry in the heat of summer and is a potential for a fire hazard. County Code requires that tall grass and weeds be kept under 15 inches in height. The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development and Code Compliance Department investigates all complaints of tall grass and issues notices when a violation is found. A property owner is given ten days to correct a tall grass violation. If the violation is not corrected within ten days, the County may contract a grass cutting service to remedy the violation. The cost incurred by the County for grass cutting services is required to be paid by the property owner. For more information on this or other Property Maintenance topics, please visit the Code Compliance Web Page or call the Department of Community Development and Code Compliance at 804.722.8659.