

Best Practices

For

Your Lawn & Garden Maintenance/Waste



- ◆ Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, especially near storm drains, ditches, streams or other waterways.
- ◆ Select native plants and grasses that are drought resistant.
- ◆ Recycle or compost yard waste.
- ◆ Cover or enclose piles of dirt and mulch with tarp and silt fencing to prevent them from washing into the waterways.
- ◆ Sweep up yard waste and dispose of property. Don't leave it in ditch.
- ◆ Plant grass and vegetation where soil is exposed to prevent erosion and runoff.
- ◆ Tilling fertilizers into moist soil to move the chemicals directly into the root zone reduces the likelihood that the chemicals will be mobilized in stormwater.
- ◆ Warm season grasses should be fertilized in the summer in frequent and small doses while cool season grasses should be fertilized in the fall.