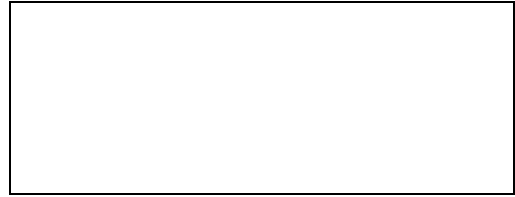


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Lawn Care Product Management

The City has been working with community residents, state, local and federal resource staff to protect area drinking water resources through the implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Improper management of fertilizers and lawn care chemicals can impact groundwater quality and our drinking water supply. Every property owner needs to manage these products in a safe responsible manner.

When lawn care products are applied at the proper rates and timed so they do not rapidly run-off or infiltrate the soil, they pose a relatively minor threat to groundwater. On the other hand, excessive use and poor application timing can result in these products contaminating ground water. Everyone needs to do their part by following recommended rates and guidelines for using lawn care products to help protect our community drinking water supply.

For more information contact your City's Wellhead Protection Manager, or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association's Web site at mrwa@mrwa.com.