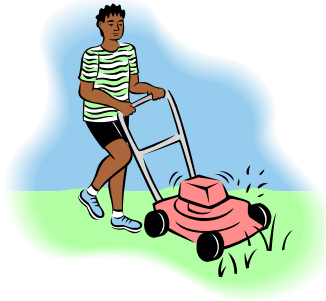


# Healthy Lawns and Gardens

Healthy lawn and garden practices can save homeowners time and money and promote a beautiful landscape. You can help prevent pollution of nearby streams and lakes by following these healthy lawn and garden tips.



1. Select native plants suited for the site and climate conditions.
2. Mow your grass at a high setting and leave the grass clippings on the lawn.
3. Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil to make a backyard compost pile.
4. Use mulch (shredded leaves, grass clippings, or compost) to control weeds, retain moisture, and build fertile soils.
5. Reduce the use of insecticides, herbicides, and other chemicals on your lawn or garden.
6. Select a no-phosphorus or low-phosphorus fertilizer.