

TIPS FOR GARDENERS



Did you know that leaves and grass can be harmful to marine life when you use your garden hose to wash them into the gutter. That's because once yard waste hits the street, it flows into our local waterways and straight out to the river, where it decomposes and creates potentially harmful algae. Pesticides and fertilizers washed off lawns or gardens add to the urban runoff mix and are toxic to marine life.

Here are a few simple good housekeeping practices you can follow to assure a healthy environment for both your neighborhood and our local waterways:

- Use a broom to sweep your driveway or sidewalk. Do not use a hose.
- Strategically apply products on your lawn when rain is not expected.
- Use water wisely while irrigating your lawn and garden.
- Read labels and use pesticides and fertilizers as directed. Do not over apply.
- Compost green waste or drop it off at one our Lancaster County's convenience centers.
- Safely dispose of toxic household hazardous waste.