

June 2018

Runoff Rundown



Grass Clipping Pollution

What is it?

Leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. When you blow these into the street, they can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding. Storm drains are not connected to wastewater treatment plants and therefore do not get treated before the water reaches nearby lakes, streams, or our Rock River.



Why is it Serious?

Phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff. Phosphorus comes from many sources, and it is the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes and streams. When lawn clippings are picked up by storm water runoff and are carried into our lakes and streams, they create excess phosphorus levels. This excess phosphorus causes algae

growth that harms the wildlife in our waterways.

Helpful Tips!

GRASS CLIPPING USES

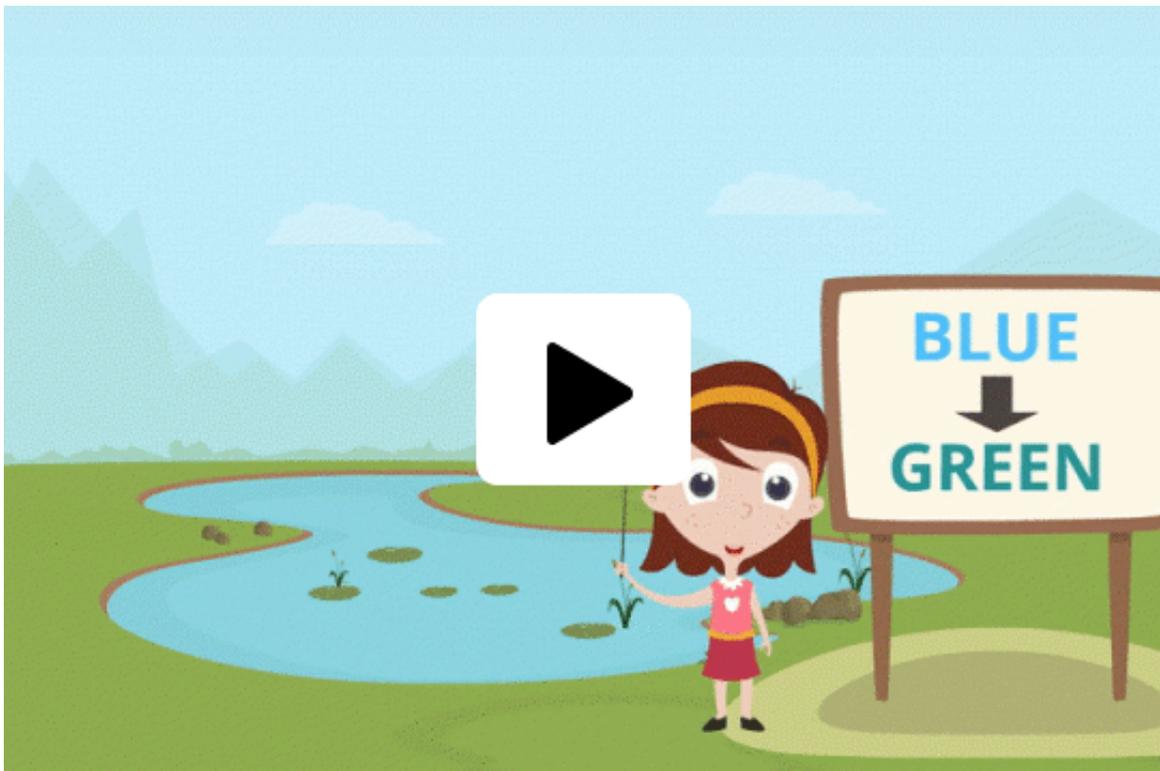
HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS TO REDUCE
POLLUTION!

FERTILIZER
ANIMAL FEED
COMPOST
MULCH
NATURAL GREEN DYE
RAISED GARDENING BEDS

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Want to learn more about how you can prevent stormwater pollution from grass clippings? [Click here](#) to visit our website.

June: Grass Clippings Video



June Events

City Markets

The Protect Wisconsin Waterways team visits different city markets to interact with members of the community to inform and engage them on safe water protection practices. Protect Wisconsin Waterways has many different city markets on its calendar to visit. In the Upcoming Events section below, you can find out when we will be in your municipality. Be sure to stop by when we're visiting your city!



Current and Upcoming Events

- 6/2: [Basics Cooperative](#): 1-5PM
- 6/2: [Waupun Farmers Market](#): 4-7PM
- 6/3: [Rock County Farmers Market](#): 9AM-1PM
- 6/5: [Whitewater City Market](#): 3:30-7:30PM
- 6/7: [Jefferson Farmers Market](#): 11AM-6PM
- 6/9: [Janesville Farmers Market](#): 11AM-6PM

- 6/9: [Beloit Farmers Market](#): 11AM-6PM
- 6/16: [Fort Atkinson Farmers Market](#): 8AM-12PM

Stormwater Fact Friday



It is best to leave grass clippings on the lawn or compost them. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.

Via Greenly Stormwater Management Division

May Features



Featured Municipality

[Learn More About The City of Waupun](#)



Featured Waterway

[Learn More About The Rock River](#)

Other Resources

Rock River Storm Water Coalition

Are you interested in more information on the Rock River? Check out the Coalition's Rock River Reflections latest newsletter. [Click here.](#)

Rock River TMDL Project Email Newsletter

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