

LESS FERTILIZER SAVES MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Fertilizers use in Dracut:

The use of excess Fertilizer is a "growing" problem for lakes, rivers, and streams.

- Impairments like **phosphorus** have serious effects to our local ponds and streams that ultimately flow into the Merrimack River.
- Organizations like the **Long Pond Association** spend between \$12-20k annually to remove algae and invasive weeds.
- Fertilizers from abutting properties to these water bodies, as well as fertilizers that wash down from properties upstream during rain events are a major contributor to high phosphorus levels in our streams.

Excess and improper fertilizer use will runoff into our streams and waterbodies.



Fertilizer



LAWN AND LEAF DISPOSAL

Location: Dracut Department of Public Works - Compost Facility
833 Hildreth Street
Dracut, MA 01826



Days: Monday - Friday
Times: 7:30-10:45 AM; 11:45 - 3:00 PM

Spring Saturday Dates:
May 9th, May 16th, May 30th
Times: 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Summer Saturday Dates:
June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, June 27th, July 11th, July 18th,
July 25th,
August 1st, August 8th, August 15th, August 22nd, and August 29th,
September 12th, September 19th, September 26th
Times: 8:00 - 12:00 PM

The Compost Facility accepts leaves, brush, and grass clippings only with proof of residency. Screened compost is available at the compost site for residents to use on their lawns, gardens, or flowerbeds.

Clean Water Tips: How can you fertilize and help keep our waters clean?

- Use fertilizer sparingly. Many plants don't need as much fertilizer or need it as often as you might think.
- Don't fertilize before a rain storm.
- Consider using organic fertilizers. They release nutrients more slowly.
- Keep a buffer for fertilizer use between the lawn and the water body nearest you.