

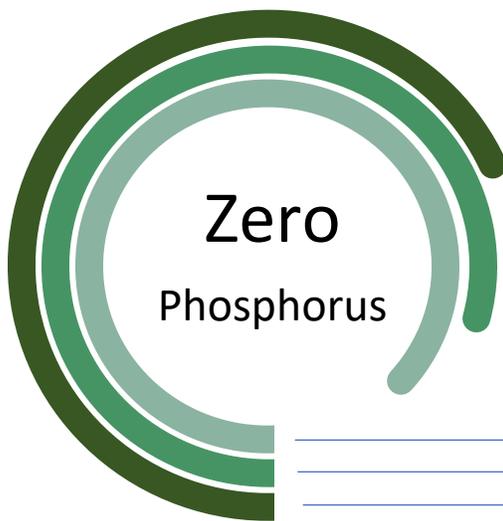
Buying Lawn Fertilizer?

LOOK FOR THE ZERO

“Protecting Colorado’s Water
One Yard at a Time”



Check the fertilizer bag for a set of three numbers showing the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Buy a bag with “0” in the middle.



Zero Pollution –

phosphorus washes off lawns and pollutes downstream lakes and rivers

Zero Waste –

why pay for something your lawn does not need (mulched lawns = plenty of phosphorus)

Zero Worries –

get a soils test so you can grow a better lawn and reduce your impact to downstream waters

- Phosphorus runoff is a threat to water quality across Colorado. Freshwater algae are controlled by how much phosphorus there is in the water. Storm water quickly goes to our streams and lakes. Do your part.
- A soil test is very important in understanding what your lawn needs to be healthy. You might not need phosphorus. Get your soils test about every three years.
- There is typically enough phosphorus in your soil to support a healthy lawn. New lawns from seed do need more phosphorus to get established.



Phosphorus that runs off of your lawn and driveway can end up in the water, causing excess algae that ruins boating, swimming, and harms fish. It can impact drinking water and lower property values. [Green lawns and blue Waters, protecting Colorado’s water one yard at a time](#)

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