WHEN YOU’RE FERTILIZING THE LAWN,

REMEMBER, YOU’RE NOT JUST

FERTILIZING THE LAWN.

You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the storm drain, and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. So if you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP’s Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-1616 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Quality Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster.