# BEWESE if you fertilize June 1 - September 30

Algae blooms occur when algae reproduce or accumulate far beyond their normal levels.

They typically bloom in the summer when the water is warm and there are excess nutrients in the water.

Green Algae blooms can be unsightly and sometimes produce an odor as they decay. They are non-toxin producing and look like floating mats of thick algae ranging in color from bright green to brown.

Blue-green algae (BGA), or cyanobacteria, is a type of organism found naturally in freshwater systems. BGA can produce toxins. It has a bright green, streaky appearance and can turn whole water bodies green.

### **NO PHOSPHORUS**

year-round unless a soil test shows a deficiency.



### **DATE RESTRICTIONS**

Nitrogen fertilizer is not allowed from June 1 - September 30.

## **INCOMING STORMS**

If bad weather is on the way, fertilize another day.





### **CLEAN UP DEBRIS**

Keep grass clippings and debris away from storm drains and waterways.

# FERTILIZER-FREE ZONE

Fertilizer should not be used within 15 feet of a body of water.



Excess nutrients cause harmful algal blooms that can hurt pets and wildlife.