

Proper Fertilizer Use & Sustainable Landscaping Workshop: *You CAN have a beautiful lawn and protect water resources at the same time*



**When: Friday, July 20, 2012
4 p.m.–6 p.m.**

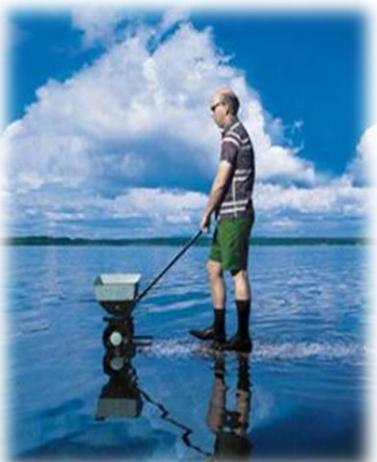
**Where: Charlotte County Cultural Center
2280 Aaron Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33952**
Link to map: <http://mapq.st/NliXHx>



Refreshments will be served.

Learn how to protect the water quality in Charlotte County's ponds, lakes, creeks, canals, the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor.

- Learn about Charlotte County's Urban Fertilizer Ordinance and how to properly fertilize
- Learn sources of pollutants and how to reduce contribution
- Learn how aquatic plants play a critical role in protecting water quality
- Learn what you can do in your own backyard to keep ugly algae outbreaks away
- Learn how to keep local waters clean AND have a beautiful lawn



Don't apply nitrogen or phosphorous during our rainy season! You might as well apply it right in the water!

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain water collects pollutants like debris, dirt and chemicals and flows into our waterways. Excess nutrients from fertilizer carried in stormwater runoff can lead to algal blooms and nuisance invasive plant growth. This can cause fish and beneficial aquatic plants to die, clog our waterways, cause flooding, and threaten public health. There is a right way to manage fertilizer.

Ponds, lakes and stormwater conveyances with beneficial aquatic plants have fewer problems and better water quality than those without. Aquatic vegetation filters pollutants like fertilizers and pesticides, traps sediments, controls the growth of invasive plants, and helps beautify the pond. Aquatic plants also pump oxygen into the water and create habitats by providing cover and nurseries for fish and other organisms. Please join us to learn how to properly fertilize your lawn and how aquatic plantings can help protect the water quality of our community's water resources.



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