

Fertilizer Alternatives for a Healthier Watershed

Do you have property located within 200 ft of a public waterbody in the Watershed Protection Overlay District (WPOD)?

Yes

No

Recently, 616.5.2.8 was voted in to the WPOD of the Town's Zoning Ordinance which states: **Application of fertilizers is not allowed within 200 feet of the prevailing high water mark of any public waterbody or their tributaries or wetlands. In all other areas within the District, only low phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizers are permissible for application**

Still consider implementing the below practices to improve the health of Windham's waterbodies!

What are some fertilizer alternatives?

- Vegetate shoreline with native plants that do not need fertilizer to thrive
- Plant native grasses instead of conventional turf lawns
 - Native Shoreland Plantings for NH: <https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/native-shoreland-plants.pdf>
- Utilize organic mulch on flower beds to keep roots moist and suppress weeds
- Utilize mulched leaf litter and grass clippings to recharge nutrients into the ground naturally

Want more information about how you can help reduce runoff and improve water quality by making small changes? Check out the resources below:

- Soak up the Rain New Hampshire: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>
- NH Lake Smart: <https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/>

