Great Lawns/Great Lakes

The **Great Lawns/Great Lakes program is designed to help you:**

- Maintain a healthy green lawn
- AND protect local waterways from pollution

We all live in a watershed. A watershed is like a funnel that collects runoff from surrounding areas and drains into a lake. Intense rain or excessive irrigation creates runoff which could carry fertilizer, pesticides, soil, leaves, and grass clippings into streets and storm drains and into Lake Ontario. The Lake Ontario watershed extends for miles from the lakeshore so you don't have to live near the lake to affect its water quality. This program will help you maintain a healthy lawn and adopt practices that help protect water quality.

For more information call: 274-8440

Here's how the program works:

Step 1: Fill out a survey that details your current lawn care plan and will help us identify where we can help.

Step 2: Register to participate in the 1-year program. During that period you will have an opportunity to:

- Participate in lawn care workshops
- Conduct a free soil test and receive recommendations for your lawn
- Learn Cornell University-approved lawn care practices that protect water quality
- Meet with a trained volunteer Master Gardener to help you identify weeds and pests and formulate a lawn care plan
- Keep accurate records on fertilizer and pesticide use
- Ultimately have a healthy lawn while protecting water quality

Step 3: Fill out a survey after 1 year to evaluate how well the program worked for you.

Step 4: If you found the 1-year program successful, consider becoming a demonstration lawn so that others in your neighborhood can learn from you!

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