

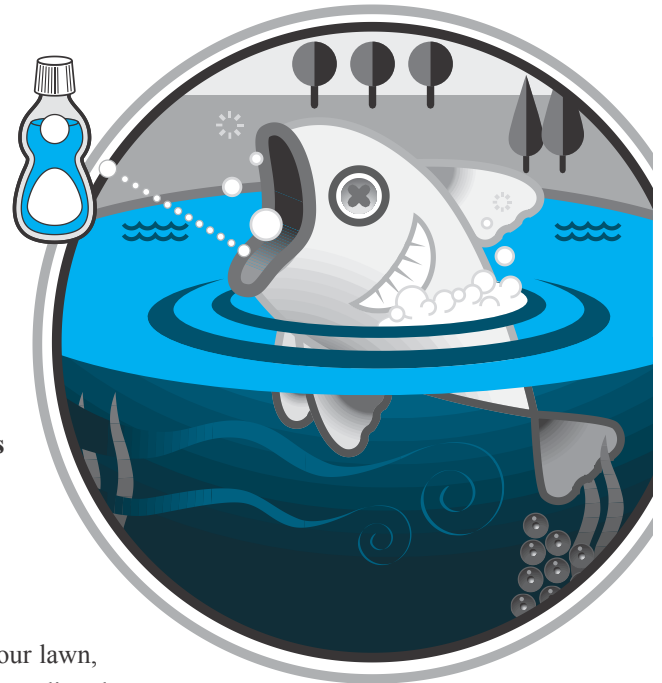
Storm Water Pollution Prevention

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City of Dallas Storm Water Management would like to remind all water gardeners the importance of proper herbicide, pesticide, and fertilizer application. By applying lawn chemicals correctly, you will not only help out your lawn, but you'll also prevent excess chemicals from polluting your water garden, as well as local creeks, lakes, and the Trinity River.

Tips for Proper Application of Lawn Chemicals:

- **Always follow the manufacturer's directions on the packaging.** Over-applying chemicals does not help your lawn. Instead the extra chemicals flow off your lawn and pollute our storm water.
- **Only apply chemicals on days when you know it is not going to rain within 24 hours of application.** Rain water does not help chemicals soak into the ground. Rather, rain carries away the chemicals, and the time and money you spent on those chemicals.
- **Only apply chemicals on days when wind speeds are less than 10 m.p.h.** You want your chemicals to stay on the lawn, not get blown onto the street or onto your neighbor's yard.
- **These tips apply even if using organic products.** Organic products can still cause storm water pollution.



Storm water does not get cleaned or treated. Once it flows off your lawn, storm water flows into the nearest storm drain inlet, and then flows directly to local water bodies. If storm water is polluted with lawn chemicals then there can be an adverse affect on the plants and animals in the aquatic habitat.

Following these tips for proper lawn chemical application will also prevent these chemicals from polluting your water garden. For more information on how to prevent storm water pollution visit our website: www.wheredoesitgo.com. We can also be reached at 214.948.4022 or stormwater@dallascityhall.com.

