



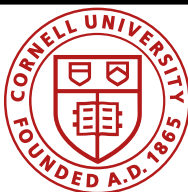
# LET YOUR GRASS GROW!

**Grass should be maintained and mowed at 3–4"**

This length allows the grass to put more energy into growing longer roots, which create air pockets in the soil and increase its ability to absorb stormwater.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RAISE THE BLADE CAMPAIGN HERE:  
[WWW.UVM.EDU/SEAGRANT/LAWN-CARE-AND-STORMWATER-RUNOFF](http://WWW.UVM.EDU/SEAGRANT/LAWN-CARE-AND-STORMWATER-RUNOFF)**

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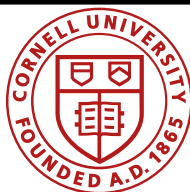
# Before buying lawn fertilizer, check the numbers!

Choose a bag with a '0' in the middle to avoid adding excess phosphorus to waterways that cause harmful algal blooms



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# FERTILIZE RESPONSIBLY



## When fertilizing your lawn:

- Only use non-phosphorus fertilizers unless phosphorus is necessary for lawn maintenance
- Do not apply any lawn fertilizer between December 1 – April 1.
- Apply fertilizer to pervious surfaces only. If fertilizer spills onto an impervious surface, sweep it up to prevent it from washing into drains or waterways.
- Do not apply lawn fertilizer within 20 feet of any water body unless:
  - There is at least a 10-foot buffer of plants between the area you are fertilizing and the water, or
  - A device with a spreader guard, deflector shield or drop spreader is used to apply fertilizer no closer than 3 feet from the water

See the [NYS Nutrient Runoff Law](#) for more information.

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# LEAVE THE LEAVES!



**Leave the leaves where they fall or move them to garden beds and around the base of trees!**

Leaves insulate pollinators from the cold and moisture of the winter, helping them survive to thrive in the spring!

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[HTTPS://WWW.NPS.GOV/ARTICLES/000/IDKT\\_LEAVE-THE-LEAVES.HTM](https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/idkt_leave-the-leaves.htm)**

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