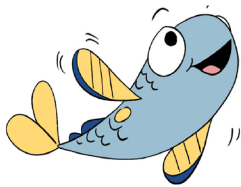




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Follow these 4 steps for greener grass and cleaner water!

1. Choose the Right Grass Seed

Focus on having a lawn where grass will grow easily and where it will be used for outdoor activities. Choose grass varieties that require less maintenance. Here in NH that means more fescues and less Kentucky bluegrass or ryegrass. In shaded areas, select shade-tolerant turf fescues. White clover helps naturally hold nitrogen in soil – and attract bees. Overseed bare spots.

2. Don't Overwater

1 inch of water per week from rain or watering is enough. Overwatering can flush nutrients into waterbodies or groundwater.

3. Test Your Soil

Have your soil tested. Visit: extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services. Sometimes all you need to improve your lawn is to adjust the soil pH or add organic matter. Check for other problems like pests, sun/shade conditions and trying to grow the wrong type of grass for your location.

4. Mow Smart

Set your mower blade to 3 inches to encourage longer, stronger roots. Leave the clippings after mowing so they can return nutrients to the soil. NEVER dispose of clippings in drainage areas, storm drains, or waterbodies!

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