



**GO PESTICIDE-FREE FOR GREENER GRASS & CLEANER WATER
THINK BLUE! CITY OF PORTSMOUTH DPW STORMWATER DIVISION**
CityofPortsmouth.com/public-works/stormwater



Follow these 10 tips for pesticide free, healthy soil and water!

- 1. Discourage pests by decluttering your yard, removing standing water and open food sources.**
- 2. Pull weeds instead of using weed killer.**
- 3. Water sparingly and avoid watering in the heat of the day.**
- 4. Mow less . Grass 4 inches tall supports stronger roots and native pollinators.**
- 5. Fertilize naturally: leave nitrogen-rich grass clippings on the lawn and apply up to 0.25 to 0.5 inch of compost/year.**
- 6. Mow over fallen eaves to add nutrients to the grass and “say no” to leaf blowers. They remove the organic layer of your soil, a habitat for native pollinators and mosquito-eating dragonflies and fireflies.**
- 7. Use organics to defeat Japanese beetle grubs and slugs.**
- 8. Incorporate native plants into your landscape.**
- 9. Aerate your lawn to improve air circulation and water absorption.**
- 10. Test your soil to determine overall soil health and nutrient needs. UNH Extension Service has offered homeowners low-cost testing services since 2005. For more ideas: NOFA.net**

THINK CLEAN WATER, THINK BLUE! What can YOU do?

For information visit:

CityofPortsmouth.com/public-works/stormwater

City of Portsmouth Water | Wastewater | Stormwater

