

	Standard Operating Procedure for:	
	Lawn Care: Fertilizer and Pesticide Storage and Disposal	
	Purpose of SOP:	To protect stormwater by properly storing and disposing of fertilizers and pesticides. Because storm drain water is not part of a wastewater treatment system, discharge of these chemicals flows untreated into ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, estuaries and bays.

Always:

- Store fertilizers and pesticides in high, dry locations, according to manufacturer’s specifications and applicable regulations.
- Cleanup spills and leaks of pesticides and fertilizers to prevent the chemicals from reaching the storm drain system.
- Clearly label secondary containers.
- Properly dispose of fertilizers and pesticides according to manufacturer’s specifications and applicable regulations.
- Regularly inspect fertilizer and pesticide storage areas for leaks or spills.

Whenever Possible:

- Store pesticides in enclosed areas or in covered impervious containment, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Order fertilizers and pesticides for delivery as close to time of use as possible to reduce amount stored at facility.
- Order only the amount needed to minimize excess or obsolete materials requiring storage and disposal.
- Use ALL herbicides or pesticides appropriately to minimize the amount of chemicals requiring disposal.
- Dispose of old, unusable or “obsolete” pesticides as in accordance with applicable regulations.

Never:

- Never leave unlabeled or unstable chemicals in uncontrolled locations.
- Never dispose of fertilizers or pesticides in storm drains.
- Never put yourself in danger.