

Lawns Degrade Water Quality

Reduced shoreline vegetation increases stormwater runoff that can lead to:

- Soil erosion resulting in sedimentation that reduces water clarity.
- Fertilizers being washed into lakes, ponds and streams stimulating aquatic plant growth and causing toxic algal blooms.
- Pesticides being carried into waterbodies which are harmful to people, pets and aquatic life.
- Pet waste being washed into waterways which contaminates water and poses a health hazard to people.



Shorefront lawns like this result in poor water quality.

Your Lakefront Landscaping Can Improve Water Quality!

Vegetated buffers slow stormwater runoff, trap pollutants and allow water to soak into the ground.

- A vegetated shoreline buffer consists of trees, shrubs, groundcover and leaf litter along the shore of a lake or stream.
- A wide vegetated buffer provides effective water quality protection for lakes and streams especially on steep slopes.
- Paths to the water's edge should be narrow and meandering.



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