

## Lake Friendly Lawns

Keeping your lawn green without greening your waterfront may be simpler than you think.

### Use only phosphorus-free fertilizer.

Turf can only use phosphorus when it is newly seeded. Look for the middle number ZERO.



**Test** your lawn for fertilizer needs before putting any chemicals on the grass. Cornell University notes that only 10% of all the lawns they have tested really needed any fertilizer .

Fertilizer that lawn grass doesn't need and can't use will run off in rain storms or sink to the water table and be carried to the lake by groundwater.

**Aerate** by removing small cores of soil from your lawn to prevent compaction; increase water, oxygen and nutrient movement into soil; improve rooting and help prevent chemical run off.

**Mow** to maintain a height of 4 inches and cut off no more than 1/3 of grass blade. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients and organic matter. Sweep clippings off pavement onto the lawn.



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## Bring Brush, Branches and Yard Waste for Mulching



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Sat. May 16, 2015

Sat, May 30, 2015

Sat. June 6, 2015

Sun. September 6, 2015

Sat. November 7, 2015

Sat. November 14, 2015

**Canadice Transfer Station  
(South Old West Lake Road)**

**Richmond Brush Pit  
(4947 East Lake Road)**

**Bring bagged leaves, grass,  
garden waste for composting.**

*(Please remove bags at composting site.)*

**Yard Waste in Honeoye Lake  
Feeds Water Weeds and Algae.**

Yard waste decaying in Honeoye Lake adds unwanted nutrients to the lake.

These unneeded nutrients feed the water weeds and algae that impair our uses of the lake.

**One Pound of Phosphorus  
Entering Honeoye Lake  
Supports the Growth of 500  
Pounds of Water Weeds/Algae.**

Leaves, grass clippings, brush, shrub prunings, garden wastes and other plant materials can be mulched or composted .



Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force  
Honeoye Valley Association  
Town of Canadice  
Town of Richmond  
Ontario County Planning Department  
Ontario County Soil and Water  
Conservation District  
offer you this  
opportunity to protect the lake and  
beautify your surroundings.

While it is true that forest leaves fall into streams and lakes, that is not a good excuse for people to add to the total.

Honeoye Lake is already stressed by too many nutrients, leading to unwanted water weed growth and algae growth.



**Do your part to keep nutrients out  
of  
Honeoye Lake.**

**Beautiful Honeoye is well worth it.**

## **DO Try This At Home!**

Mow often enough to leave grass clippings on the lawn. They decompose rapidly and the nutrients re-enter the lawn.

Sweep grass clippings off paved areas and back on to the lawn—or put them in a compost pile.

Keep leaves out of the lake and out of the street gutter.

Shred leaves with your lawnmower, use them for mulch , compost them at home or bring them to the brush mulching and leaf composting events at the

**Canadice and Richmond  
Brush Pits**

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