

Sen. Ed Meyer
Rep. Richard Roy

I urge you to support S.B. 254, which would restrict the use of phosphorus in fertilizer for established lawns. This nutrient is unnecessary once turf has taken hold. The excess phosphorus ends up in groundwater and surface water. High levels of phosphorus contribute to the decline of Connecticut's lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams in many ways. They lead to excessive aquatic plant and algae growth, reduced water quality, and depleted oxygen levels, all of which are detrimental to the health of these water bodies and to the fish and humans that depend upon them. I understand that eleven other states already ban or restrict the use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizers and I encourage you to make Connecticut the twelfth in this enlightened list.

Sincerely,
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