



**City of Hahira
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LAWN CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Did you know that everything that enters the stormwater system is discharged directly into the nearest waterbody without being cleaned or treated? While fertilizer can help our lawns, it can harm the local streams. Fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and yard waste can pollute the local waterbodies when they are blown, dumped, or washed into the stormwater system. Here are a few tips on how your lawn care service provider can help protect our waterbodies from pollution:

- Use a mulching blade on the lawn mower
- Do NOT blow grass clippings into the street or down storm drains
- Perform a soil test to determine proper fertilizer application rates
- Use non-toxic products, slow release, and organic fertilizers
- Conserve water, pesticides, and fertilizers by using native and/or adapted plants
- Place mulch around trees and plants
- Follow product instructions on chemical storage, application, and disposal
- Control the use of airborne sprays so they do not land on surfaces where the rain will wash them into the stormwater system
- Never apply chemicals just before a rain event
- Cover stockpiled material such as mulch, soil, or sand
- Use silt fences or a similar barrier during large landscaping projects
- Direct rain water to gardens or lawn areas
- Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away from the edge of a waterbody
- Follow proper procedures if a spill occurs (e.g. fertilizer, pesticides, etc)
- NEVER dispose of leaves, limbs or other yard debris near or in a local waterway – haul it away
- When hauling materials on or off site, secure these items so that no debris, dirt, etc is released on to the roadway and into our stormwater system

**To operate in the City of Hahira, a lawn care service provider
MUST have a valid business license.**

**Be aware that both lawn care service providers and homeowners may be issued a citation
and/or notice of violation if they discharge yard waste into the stormwater system.**

Contact Hahira Public Works Department for more information.