



**PESTICIDES & WATER DON'T MIX** – Green lawns are a sign of summer, but they can come at a health cost. If you're using synthetic pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, or fungicides) on your lawn, you may be polluting water!

This happens because any pesticide applied to your lawn can be washed off by rain, running into the street storm drains & then ponds, creeks or groundwater. Pollution control methods such as stormwater ponds are used that slow down & clean up this stormwater. However, these weren't designed to remove pollutants like pesticides. Since pesticides don't get removed, it's important to keep them out of the water in the first place.

So what can you do to help keep pesticides from getting into water & save money doing so? Here are a few tips:

- Only apply pesticides when no rain is forecasted for the next 48 hours.
- Focus on spot treatments; zero in on weedy areas instead of applying herbicides all over your lawn. Consider if you can tolerate some weeds.
- Buy the smallest amount of pesticides you need to accomplish your task – save money & reduce waste. If you can't use up your pesticides, keep the labels on & store them so they don't freeze.
- If you do have pesticides that froze or have unreadable labels, don't put them in the trash. Instead bring them to the Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste Site.
- Consider alternatives to pesticides such as hand-pulling weeds. You could even go all natural, the Environmental Association for Great Lakes Education (EAGLE) has a great overview of natural lawn care basics @ [www.eagleaction.wordpress](http://www.eagleaction.wordpress).



**NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES** – Disposable wipes used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning & more cause major problems when flushed down toilets. While many of these products are labeled “flushable” or “septic safe”, they are anything but. Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, disposable wipes clog homeowner & municipal sewer pipes. In addition, they can snag on any imperfection in pipes, catch passing debris & grease & create a “ball” that can grow to plug the pipe. We appreciate your throwing these items in the trash, doing so will help alleviate any future problems in your home's plumbing & the Township's system.



**EMERALD ASH BORERS ARE HERE** – The bright metallic green insect has made its way to White Bear Township. The borer is smaller than a dime & can destroy ash trees quickly. Residents who have ash trees & are considering treatments to save your trees, should act now. Local arborists can advise as to what course of action should be taken.



**WANT TO BE AN ELECTION JUDGE?** – Ramsey County is always looking for election judges. If you are interested you have until October 12<sup>th</sup> to apply to be an election judge for the election in November. Qualifications are as follows:

1) Must be a U.S. citizen; 2) Must be 18 years of age (16 & 17 year olds can apply for a student position); 3) Able to read, write & speak English; 4) Complete a 2-hour training session. Contact Ramsey County at 651.266.2171 or visit their website at [www.ramseycounty.us](http://www.ramseycounty.us)



**August 7** – Night to Unite

**August 11** - Movie in the Park – Sing

**August 20** - World Mosquito Day

**August 26** – National Dog Day

