



Foster's Pond Corporation

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How YOU Can Help Protect Foster's Pond!

- ✓ **"Just say No" to fertilizer.** Lawn fertilizer is transported to Foster's Pond by storm water runoff, fueling algae blooms that reduce water clarity and can lead to closures. Use natural alternatives to lawn and garden chemicals and establish low-maintenance, native vegetation on your property.



- ✓ **Build a raingarden** to manage stormwater runoff from your property. Raingardens protect water quality while beautifying your home and neighborhood! For more information, see: <http://nsgl.gso.uri.edu/lcsg/lcsg09001.pdf>



- ✓ **Rain barrels** are a great way to re-use rainwater from roofs for gardening and landscaping. A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Diverting this water from storm drains also decreases the impact of runoff to streams. Rain barrels can be purchased at many home and garden centers.



- ✓ Keep **litter, leaves, and debris** out of street gutters and storm drains. Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly. Do not dump these products in storm drains. These outlets drain directly into Foster's Pond or streams that flow into the Pond.



- ✓ **Don't feed waterfowl!** Bread and snack food are harmful to waterfowl. Feeding discourages winter migration and encourages large bird flocks that degrade the Pond and its shorelines with droppings that contribute to the growth of toxic algae.



- ✓ **Pick up after your pet!** Use biodegradable doggie bags to collect pet waste. Don't dispose of pet waste in storm drains.



- ✓ **Control soil erosion** on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.

