

A reminder to homeowners upslope and around the two ponds regarding the use of fertilizers and detergents that are used on exterior surfaces e.g. power washing homes, cars, boats.

PHOSPHORUS is the major contributor to the algae problem.

The study done by Dr. Baillie specifically recommends regarding household practices the following to control algae growth in both ponds:

1. All homeowner upslope and around the ponds should NEVER have liquid fertilizers commercially applied to their lawns. Only slow release granular types designed for lakeside lawns should be used.
2. Lawn and garden herbicides and pesticides should be used sparingly, or not at all, near the lake/s.
3. Grass clippings, raked leaves or other organic material should never be deposited in the lake/s, stock piled in areas which may leach into the lake/s.
4. Concentration of phosphorus in many detergents is extremely high and only non-phosphate varieties should be used for washing cars, house siding, garden equipment, etc.

The aerators help to control the problem but we also need the cooperation of homeowners to utilize lake friendly products. It needs to be a tandem effort to be successful.

I have done an on-line search and there are some products that can be used that are phosphate free.

Organic fertilizer- Thrivin'

It is ideal to use near lakes and streams

website: www.gobiobuilder.com

Phone: 866-800- TURF (8873)

Phosphorus free detergents:

Seventh Generation Household products

ECover Natural

Trader Joe's Brands

Seventh Generation and ECover can be purchased on-line. Drugstore.com is just one website

Trader Joe's the nearest stores in CT are in West Hartford and Bridgeport.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Laurie