

BEST Management Practices for your YARD THIS summer

What is a Best Management Practice (BMP)?

BMPs are stormwater pollution prevention measures proven to reduce costs and mitigate the damaging effects of runoff (EPA).

PUTTING BMPs TO WORK FOR YOU:

Install native plants in your yard- native plants have deeper roots than non-natives. These roots break-up the soil and allow rain water to infiltrate, reducing runoff and recharging groundwater. For even better results, look for native plants that benefit pollinators.

Make your lawn sustainable-

- 1) Raise your mower height to at least 3 inches to enable your lawn to slow/absorb more stormwater.
- 2) Increase your garden area and decrease your mown area (perennials and shrubs have deeper roots systems than turf grass).
- 3) Add nutrients back to your lawn by letting grass clippings lay or composting them.
- 4) Use pesticides sparingly and never before the rain.