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Dear Partner Organization:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water is reaching out to its water quality protection partners for help in getting the word out about the 2010 Dishwasher Detergent and Nutrient Runoff Law.

Through restrictions on dishwasher detergents and fertilizers that contain phosphorus, the law will reduce the quantity of phosphorus entering the State's waters.

Dishwasher Detergent Provisions

Beginning 8/14/10:
- Sale of dishwasher detergent containing phosphorus for household use is prohibited.

Beginning 7/1/13:
- Sale or distribution of dishwasher detergent containing phosphorus for use at commercial establishments is prohibited.

Fertilizer Provisions

Beginning 1/1/12:
- Use of fertilizer containing phosphorus on non-agricultural lawns and turf is restricted to when a new lawn is being established or when a soil test indicates additional phosphorus is needed.
- Application of any fertilizer for non-farm use is prohibited between December 1st and April 1st.
- Application of any fertilizer within 20 feet of a water body or on paved surfaces is restricted.
- Retailers must display fertilizer that contains phosphorus separately from phosphorus-free fertilizer and must post signs notifying customers of the terms of the law.

We are asking that, as appropriate, you include one of the attached articles in your outreach newsletter. Or, if your organization does not publish a newsletter, perhaps you could help us get the word out in other ways.

Additional information about the new requirements is found at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67239.html.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me at rmcapows@gw.dec.state.ny.us or 518-402-8112 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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