

The Choice is Yours. Clean Water or Green Water?



Lake Erie



Lake Erie during an algal bloom

You can prevent this from happening in your community!

Nutrient pollution from farm and lawn fertilizer, pet and livestock waste, runoff from roads and houses, faulty septic systems, and treated sewage can turn waters green with algae, contaminate drinking water, and pollute waters for swimming and fishing.

Here's what you can do to keep the water clean:

- Take care not to over fertilize and closely follow package instructions
- Pick up pet waste and properly manage waste from livestock
- Use green practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavements
- Maintain septic systems
- Encourage your community to invest in its wastewater infrastructure

More people are standing up for clean water by making these changes.

Join in! Find out more at:

<http://epa.gov/nutrientpollution>

<http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/nutrients/>

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

