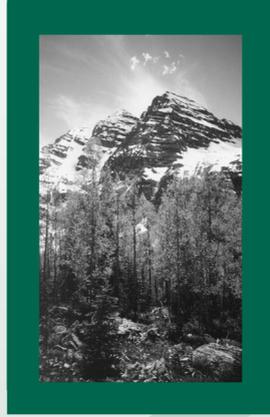


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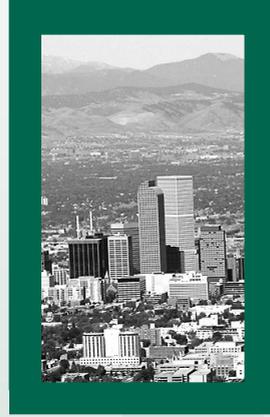
Rivers, streams, creeks, ponds, lakes, reservoirs — the metro area’s waterways are some of our most precious resources. They provide drinking water, recreation, and wildlife habitat. But only if the water remains clean and unpolluted.

This brochure offers ways to care for your lawn and garden that will help prevent water pollution and keep our streams, rivers, and lakes clear and clean.



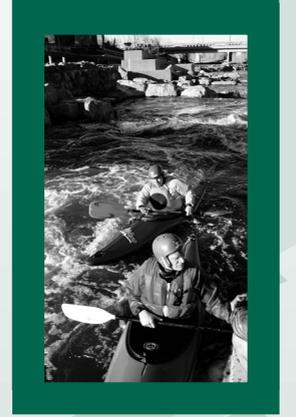
The gutter in the street outside your home carries water into a network of storm drains that lead straight to local creeks and rivers. Storm drains are separate from the sanitary sewer system (which handles wastewater from your sinks, tubs, and toilets). Unlike wastewater, stormwater is not treated at a sewage treatment plant. Stormwater goes directly from the storm drainage system into local creeks and rivers.

Anything on the sidewalks and streets, such as grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, trash, or excess fertilizer, is carried away by runoff and ends up in storm drains, where it flows into rivers, lakes, and streams.



## What you do makes a difference!

You might not think that you can help solve the problem, but you can! Lawn and garden chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, and fertilizers, contaminate the stormwater if used improperly. Soil in bare, unlandscaped areas can be washed away during heavy rains, polluting the water with sediment.



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- ◆ Improve water quality
- ◆ Prevent soil erosion
- ◆ Reduce air pollution
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Why? Because healthy, dense lawns absorb rainfall, reducing runoff and erosion.

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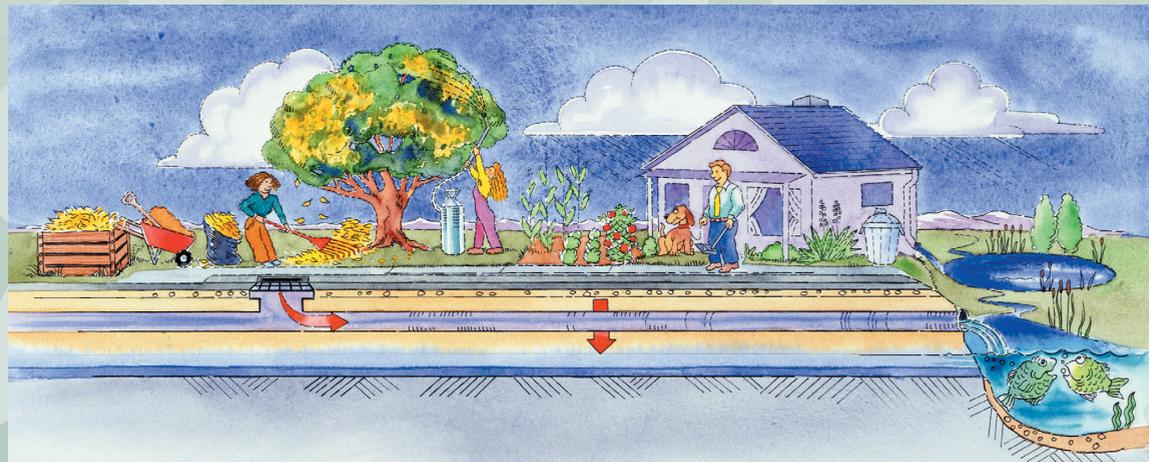
A healthy, established lawn with recycled clippings needs little or no additional phosphorus fertilizer.

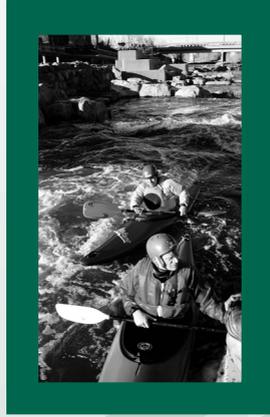
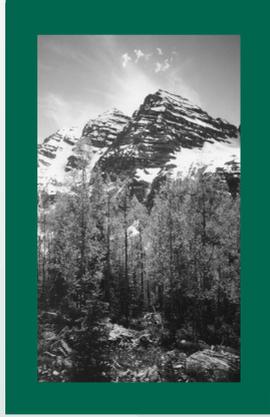
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Excess fertilizer washes off and ends up in stormwater. Be sure to apply fertilizer in early October before the grass goes dormant. If the grass is dormant, it can’t take up the fertilizer, so it escapes to our creeks and reservoirs.

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We all need to do our part to protect local waterways from pollution. What you may not realize is that much of the pollution is unintentional, caused by the things that we do everyday — at work, at home, at play.





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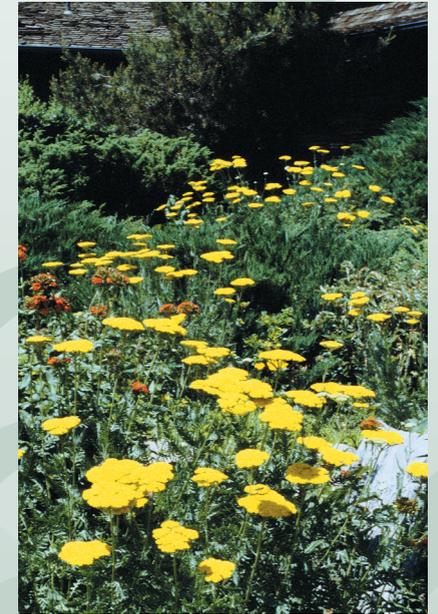
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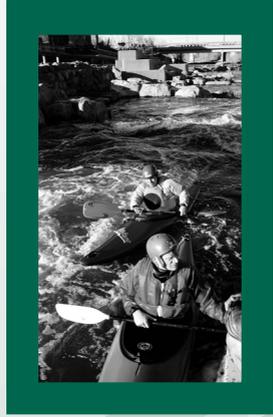
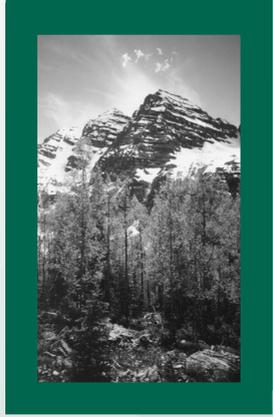
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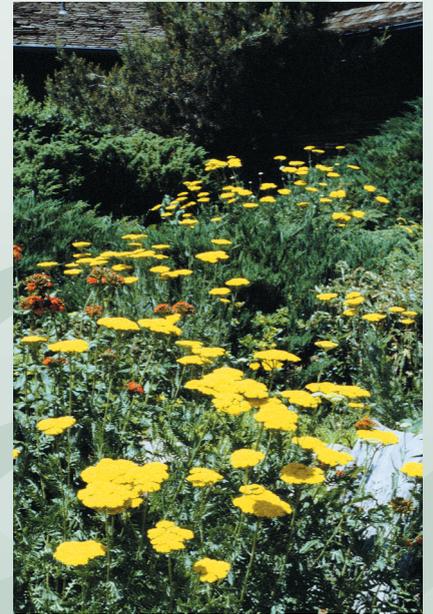
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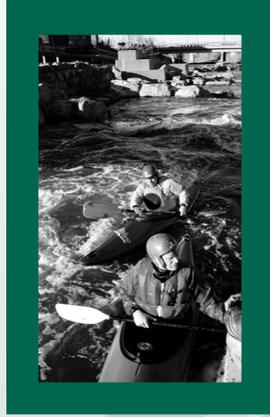
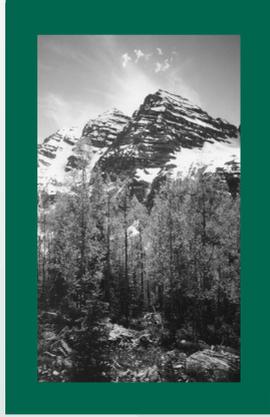
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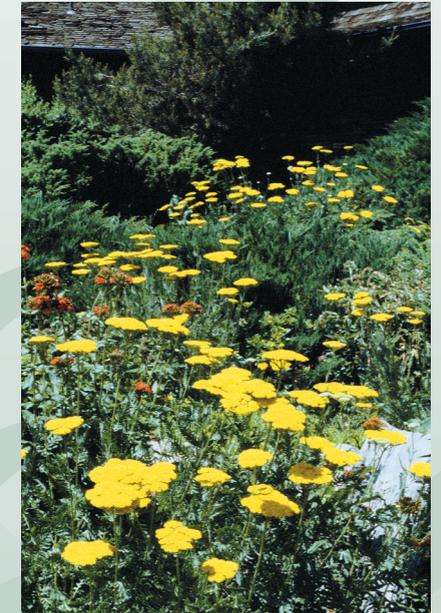
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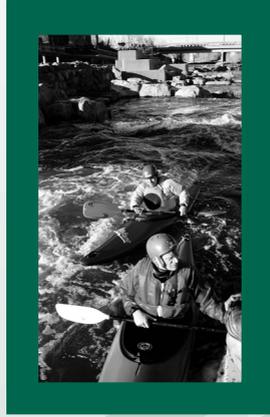
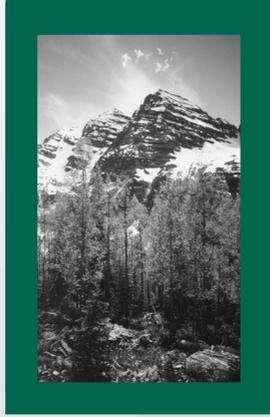
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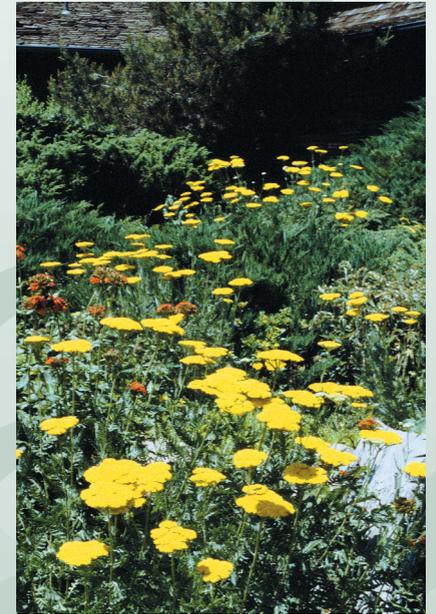
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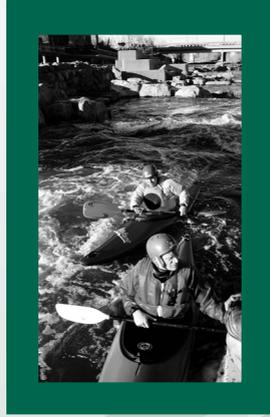
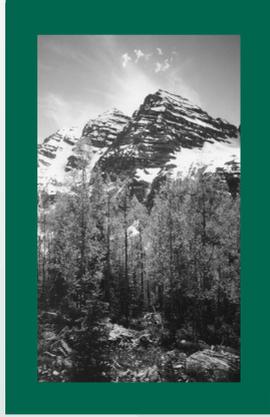
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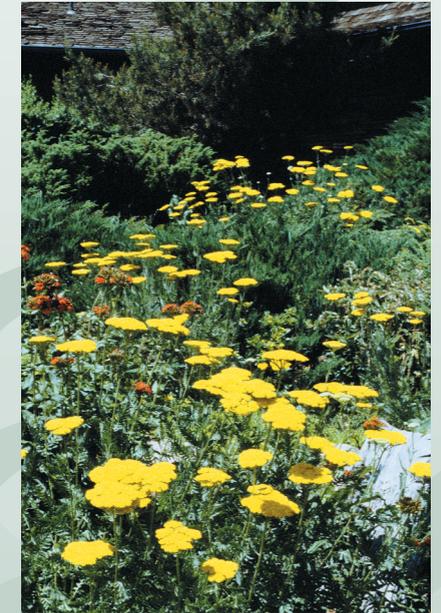
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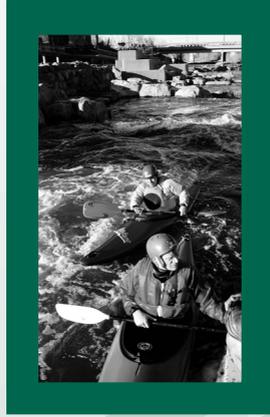
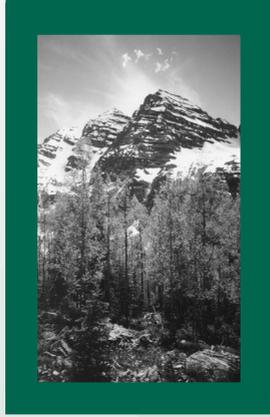


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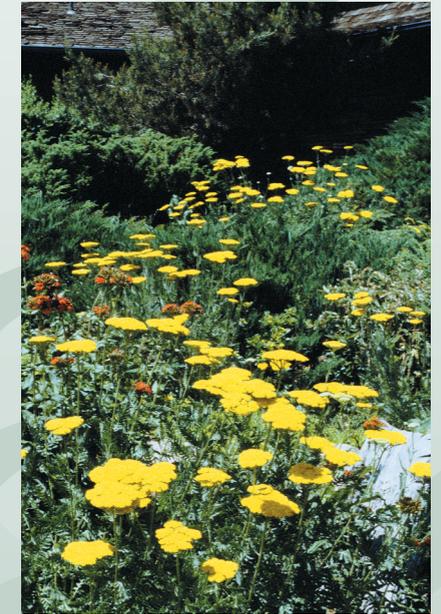
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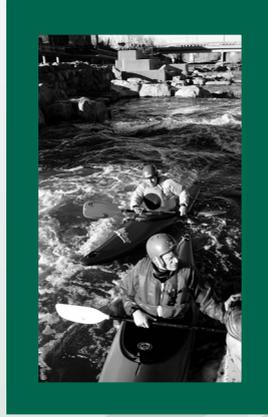
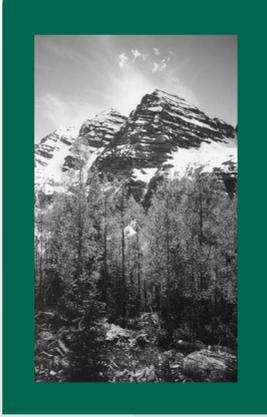
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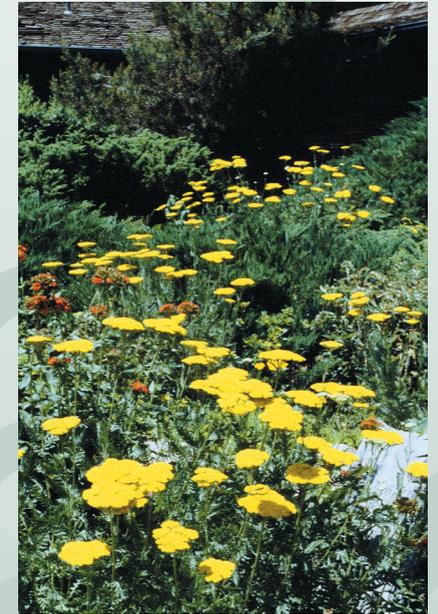
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