

The Choice is Yours:

Clean Water

or

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The Problem:

Nutrient pollution is one of America's most widespread, costly and challenging environmental problems, and is caused by excess nitrogen and phosphorus in the water. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus in the water causes algae to grow faster than ecosystems can handle. Significant increases in algae harm water quality, food resources and habitats, and decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive.

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 water for swimming and fishing.

Here is what you can do to keep the water clean:

- Take care not to over fertilize and closely follow package instructions.
- Use yard waste, which includes grass clippings and leaves, in mulch or compost for your garden.
- Pick up pet waste and properly manage waste from livestock
- Choose phosphate-free detergents, soaps, and household cleaners.
- Maintain septic systems