



Green Guard Associates

and the

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Voluntarily enter into this agreement to protect and improve Virginia's ground and surface waters. **Green Guard Associates** is working with **DCR** to safeguard these resources by following proper turf fertilization practices and recommending sound turf maintenance practices by:

Following a **Nutrient Management Plan** approved by **DCR**. This plan covers the amount, placement, timing, and application of nutrient-containing materials, such as fertilizer, to help protect Virginia's water resources.

Teaching employees to use the Nutrient Management Plan to responsibly apply and handle lawn care products.

Proper management of fertilizers on turf helps prevent the accumulation of excess nutrients in ground water, a common source of drinking water. Also, excess nutrients in surface waters upset the natural balance needed for healthy and productive rivers, lakes, and streams in Virginia. With this agreement, **Green Guard Associates** has demonstrated a commitment to protecting Virginia's waters, while providing responsible lawn care service, by following the **Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria** established by DCR in the Virginia Administrative

Code §4 VAC 15-15-10 et. seq.

This agreement is valid through July 31, 2012 unless canceled by either party by written notification of the other party.



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