Whenever you fertilize the lawn or garden, excess nutrients can get washed into storm drains and flow into local water bodies. The stuff that helps your garden grow also promotes harmful algae growth that sucks oxygen out of water, chokes aquatic life, and clogs waterways. Use fertilizers and pesticides according to directions, use sparingly, and consider use of natural fertilizers.

If you don't want it in your water, keep it out of the storm drain!