

## Help Prevent Harmful Algal Blooms

Everyone can help reduce the likelihood of algal blooms in waterbodies by helping to limit the amount of nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) that are added to the lake by:

- Reducing the use of lawn fertilizers
- Proper care of septic systems
- Planting and maintaining shoreline buffers
- Working with local and county governments to identify sources of nutrients and helping to develop strategies to reduce inputs

Nutrient control strategies are discussed in detail in Chapters 7 and 9 in the DEC and New York Federation of Lake Associations' publication, [\*Diet for a Small Lake\*](#).

