

Soil Nutritional Planning...



You have probably seen the advertisements on TV talking about the Chesapeake Bay and the detriment to the bay by means of over fertilizing and loss of nutrients through storm water run-off. These concerns are real, and there is legislature being forward recently concerning the proper application and procedures for nutritional programs both in the agriculture and urban communities. A recent 6th District court ruling will require EPA water permits for pesticide residues around water by spring 2011. EPA and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality are discussing draft concepts for who would be required to get a permit.

One of the first professional decisions we made at Lawns and Gardens Plus was to become educated in the agronomics of the industry. Company owner, landscaper, and designer Wes Bray became involved with the local and state organizations, as well as the Virginia Turf Grass Council. He is even the current president of the Hampton Roads Nursery and Landscape Association. As a professional lawn care provider, Wes has already been certified and holds the proper business licensing in Fertilizer and Lime Application, and he has a Water Quality Agreement with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

We at Lawns and Gardens Plus take pride in our efforts to be good stewards of the environment. We cannot stress to you enough that our decisions as to how to manage nutritional needs of your property is prioritized by the *agronomics* and not the *economics* of what is best for the landscape. This, along with your desires is how we make each decision for you and your garden.

