

## tley, Buddy! Just read the bag!

The single most important thing you can do for your lawn is provide it with the proper nutrition. Fertilizer is like food for your lawn. The Urban Fertilizer Council recommends homeowners fertilize responsibly by following the 4Rs of fertilizer use: the **Right Source** of fertilizer at the **Right Rate**, the **Right Time** and the **Right Place**.



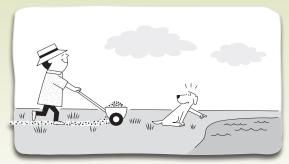
**Right Source** – read the bag before you buy to ensure you are using the right fertilizer for your lawn



**Right Time** — don't apply fertilizer if the ground is frozen or right before an expected rainfall. Spring and Fall are the most important times to fertilize



**Right Rate** – know the size of your lawn, only buy what you need and apply following recommendations on the bag. A good quality fertilizer spreader can help with proper application



**Right Place** – sweep any fertilizer that lands on hard surfaces back onto the lawn. Don't apply near ponds, streams, rivers or lakes, or alternatively use a low phosphorous or phosphorus-free fertilizer on established lawns



**Store** any leftover fertilizer sealed in its original container in a dry place for use next season. **Share** by giving it to a neighbour, a relative or donate it to a community group.



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