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3. Leave your lawn long! Keep your lawn no shorter than 3 ½” and leave the grass clippings—you will conserve water which keeps your stream flowing!

4. Go native! Plant native plants that are adapted to local conditions--they don't need pesticides that can harm aquatic life. For NJ native plant lists go to www.npsnj.org

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