Under Massachusetts law, only apply fertilizer with phosphorus if:
1. A soil test shows that phosphorus is needed; or
2. During the first growing season for a newly established lawn.

Contact the UMass Cooperative Extension Soil Nutrient Testing Laboratory to learn how to conduct a routine soil test: [https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms](https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms)

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