What Happens When Fertilizers & Organic Waste Enter Our Lakes & Streams

- Algae use nutrients and grow
  - Algae age, die and release nutrients
  - Tastes and odor compound production

- Nutrients & organic waste enter the water
  - Bacteria use oxygen to breakdown dead algae and other waste
  - Reduced oxygen kills animals and reduces available habitat
  - Reduced oxygen releases nutrients in sediments

- More algae

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