



Grass clippings are rich in nutrients.

Grass clipping “do’s”:

- Leave them on the lawn
- Mulch them back into the grass with another mower pass.
- Compost them, mix into garden soil, dispose of through a curbside yardwaste collection service, or bring them to a county compost facility.
- Sweep them up off of paved surfaces.

What’s in it for you?

- Grass clippings are 80-85% water: Keeping them on the lawn helps retain moisture as they break down. This helps save water and let the grass not work as hard to recover, especially in dry months.
- Grass clippings are 4% nitrogen, .5% phosphorus, and 2% potassium. A summer’s worth of grass clippings is roughly equivalent to an application of fertilizer.
- Leaving grass clippings on the lawn saves money in fertilizer costs and spares the time spent bagging, hauling, or transporting the clippings.
- The satisfaction of responsible yard care



What about thatch?

Clippings do not produce thatch due to their water content and quick decomposition. Thatch is caused by dead roots and stems most often caused by over-fertilizing and over-watering.

[See reverse](#)



Grass clippings are rich in nutrients.

Grass clipping “do’s”:

- Leave them on the lawn
- Mulch them back into the grass with another mower pass.
- Compost them, mix into garden soil, dispose of through a curbside yardwaste collection service, or bring them to a county compost facility.
- Sweep them up off of paved surfaces.

What’s in it for you?

- Grass clippings are 80-85% water: Keeping them on the lawn helps retain moisture as they break down. This helps save water and let the grass not work as hard to recover, especially in dry months.
- Grass clippings are 4% nitrogen, .5% phosphorus, and 2% potassium. A summer’s worth of grass clippings is roughly equivalent to an application of fertilizer.
- Leaving grass clippings on the lawn saves money in fertilizer costs and spares the time spent bagging, hauling, or transporting the clippings.
- The satisfaction of responsible yard care



What about thatch?

Clippings do not produce thatch due to their water content and quick decomposition.

Thatch is caused by dead roots and stems most often caused by over-fertilizing and over-watering.

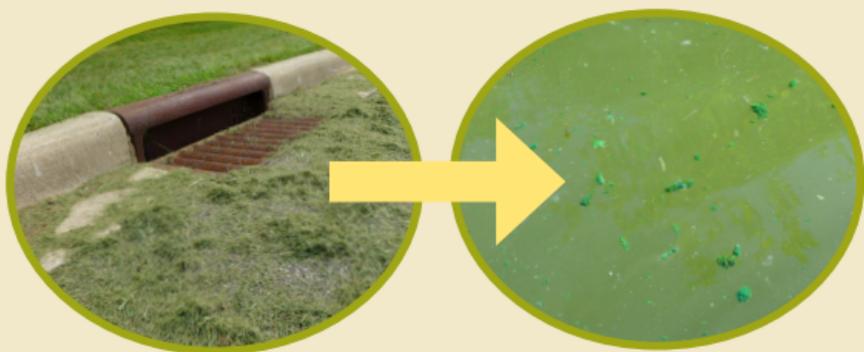
[See reverse](#)



Stray nutrients fuel green water.

Grass clipping “dont’s”:

- Don’t blow them into the street or other paved areas. Nitrogen and phosphorus become pollutants when roaming free on the surface.
- Never dump them into neighborhood areas such as ditches, wetlands, lake shores, forest patches, or your neighbor’s yard. This stresses wetlands and drainage systems and degrades their quality and efficiency over time.
- Don’t trash. They can add cost to collection and are too valuable of a nutrient to throw away. Nutrients are most at home in the soil.



Be quick: More time on the ground is a bigger risk to contaminate lakes, streams, and wetlands. The resulting algae blooms throw water off balance and can be toxic.

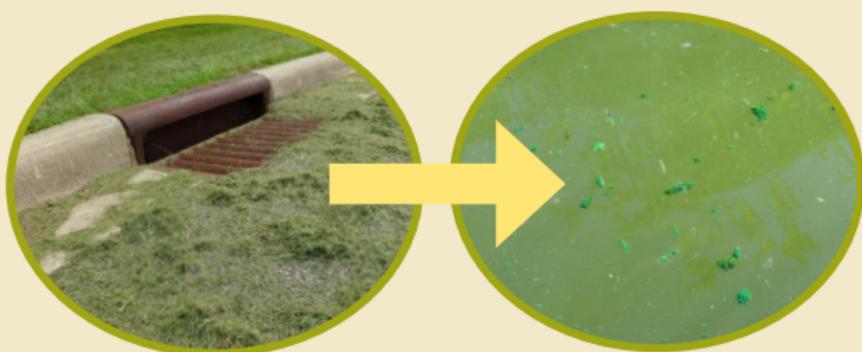
Remember that despite being common or appearing innocent, blowing grass clippings into the street falls under illegal dumping into a waterway.

Every curb, ditch, and stormdrain is waterfront property.

Stray nutrients fuel green water.

Grass clipping “dont’s”:

- Don’t blow them into the street or other paved areas. Nitrogen and phosphorus become pollutants when roaming free on the surface.
- Never dump them into neighborhood areas such as ditches, wetlands, lake shores, forest patches, or your neighbor’s yard. This stresses wetlands and drainage systems and degrades their quality and efficiency over time.
- Don’t trash. They can add cost to collection and are too valuable of a nutrient to throw away. Nutrients are most at home in the soil.



Be quick: More time on the ground is a bigger risk to contaminate lakes, streams, and wetlands. The resulting algae blooms throw water off balance and can be toxic.

Remember that despite being common or appearing innocent, blowing grass clippings into the street falls under illegal dumping into a waterway.

Every curb, ditch, and stormdrain is waterfront property.