

Keep it Neat, Sweep Your Street!

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Bridge to the Future

As we approach Spring time and warmer weather, it's time to get those lawn mowers out again! It is important to remember to not blow grass clippings, leaves, and other debris or litter into the street, as they end up in the storm drains where they can build up and cause drainage issues, which can lead to increased and worsened flooding. Below are some helpful tips on how grass clippings can actually be useful to you and your yard!

Keep Grass Clippings out of streets and out of sewer drains:

- Return to Lawn – Leaving uncollected grass clippings on the lawn contributes to soil organic material and supplies part of the fertilizer needs of the lawn. This practice not only promotes recycling and keeps excess waste out of the landfill and storm drains, but it gives your lawn the proper nutrients it needs to thrive! Clippings should be kept short enough to filter through the growing grass and not remain on top of the lawn. This approach not only eliminates clipping collection and disposal problems, but also can contribute to improvement of the lawn.
- Garden Mulch – Grass clippings can also be used as a garden mulch! Clippings can be dried in the sun for a day prior to being used in this way. Clippings can be spread on top of garden soil. Do not use grass clippings from herbicide-treated lawns until after two grass cuttings have been made.

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