

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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What to do with all those grass clippings?

Grass clippings can sometimes be the bane of our existence! What do we do with all those grass clippings? No longer is it simple to toss them in the trash. Grass clippings left on roads are an MS4 violation and hazardous to bicyclists and motorcyclists. Whether you have a small lawn or a large lawn, finding an alternative method of disposing of your grass clippings can be difficult. Consider the 6 suggestions of alternatives to throwing your grass clippings away. Cutting your grass at the proper frequency and length is better for your lawn, restoring nutrients and mulching your grass clippings without the need to find an alternative use for them.

Suggested Uses

Grass clippings can sometimes feel like a never-ending battle between you, your lawn and where to put them after they are cut. Consider these 6 suggestions for your grass clippings:

1. Add to Compost - Grass clippings are a source of nitrogen. Consider it your **green!**
2. Lawn Clipping Tea - Brew your tea for 4 days in a bucket of water. Consider a net bag to hold the clippings. Beneficial nutrients are released into the water. Use it to water gardens, potted plants, and spray the leaves of plants.
3. Leave them Lay - Grass clippings can add up to 25% of the nutrients needed for growth back to the soil.
4. Container Mulch - Use a thick layer grass clippings to hold moisture in container plants.
5. Livestock Feed - Many animals eat grass. Be sure you are contributing grass clippings without pesticides or herbicides when feeding animals.
6. Layer in a Raised Garden Bed - A thick layer of grass clippings can provide nutrients and build up the bed. This allows for less compost needed in the raised bed.