

RECYCLING NEWS

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Lower Allen Township

LAWN MULCHING FACTS:

The great debate with mulching continues in every neighborhood. Mulching can have many benefits for your lawn:

- decreases evaporation rates by as much as 35%
- protects plants from sun and wind
- prevents weeds from germinating
- insulates roots from temperature changes
- provides much needed organic matter to promote healthy growth in the future
- prevents soil erosion



Are you team bag or team mulch?

If you choose to bag your grass, how many bags do you have out for trash? Where do all those bags of grass clipping go? Landfill space is at a premium currently as it is. Continuing to bag your grass and place it out for trash is only decreasing the space in a landfill at a faster rate. How often do you mow your grass? Sources who recommend mulching suggest mowing your lawn no more than once a week.

Mulching more often than once a week can damage the grass. A myth about mulching, it does not cause thatch build up. A typical lawn requires 4 pounds of Nitrogen per year for healthy growth. Mulching can provide as much as 1 pound of the needed Nitrogen, as well as providing nutrients to the microorganisms in the food web. If the soil nutrients aren't enough of a benefit for you, think of all that energy you could be saving for other projects by mulching!

March Challenge = Mulch more than Bag