

## **This summer mow it high and let it lie!**

Did you know up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs can be supplied by clippings left on the lawn? Clippings contain 80 to 85 percent water and decompose quickly.

Homeowners can cut their average mowing time by 30 percent by not bagging clippings. Besides saving time, you also save money by not having to pay for bags or extra hauling.

Try recycling your lawn instead! Leave grass clippings on your lawn with a mulching mower. Grass clippings recycle valuable nutrients to the lawn; they filter down to the soil level where they compost. Mowing height is the key to success; by removing no more than one third of the grass blades at a time, grass clippings do not need to be removed.

Don't put those grass clippings down the storm drain! Dumping grass clippings and leaves in storm drains is illegal and can result in a fine. Please report illegal dumping.



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