

# GRASSCYCLING: LEAVE THE GRASS CLIPPINGS ON YOUR LAWN



## WHY?

### 1. Reduce Waste

In the landfill, grass clippings account for 75% of yard waste; leaving them on the lawn reduces waste.



### 2. Improve your Lawn

Grass clippings contain up to 85% water, helping your lawn retain moisture, especially on hot summer days!



### 3. Save Money

Grass clippings contain vital nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, which are also found in most purchased lawn fertilizers.



### 4. Saves Time

Since you no longer have to stop and bag your clippings by leaving them on the lawn, you can complete your maintenance quicker.



## FAQ

What if my grass grows too high to leave the clippings on it?

You can mow over the clippings or complete a first mowing pass with higher blade (gradually lowering with each consecutive pass).

Are there any other natural recycling methods for grass clipping?

You can also mix your grass clippings into your soil for your garden to supply additional nutrients to your plants.

Will grass clippings on my lawn cause thatch?

Grass clippings do not cause thatch. When your lawn has too many dead roots and stems that form together, thatch occurs. This can be prevented through regular watering and by *grasscycling*.

## HERE ARE SOME TIPS

*...to make grasscycling easier!*

- Mow high and often – ideal grass height is 5 to 6 cm (2 inches)
- Move over clumps of grass
- Keep your mower blade sharp
- Mow when the grass is dry
- Mow late in the day
- Any mower can do the job

## **A Note to Residents and Landscapers...**

As per section 3.17 & 3.18 of By-law 2016-68: Respecting Litter, Yard Waste and Property Maintenance for the Township of King, residents are not permitted to throw, place or deposit grass clippings on any property, sidewalk or highway.

When it is windy or raining, grass clippings get washed into storm sewers and catch basins, which cause clogging. When drains, ditches and catch basins become clogged due to excessive sediment/debris build up, flooding can occur.

Grass clippings also make public works maintenance (i.e. street sweeping) more time consuming for staff.



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