



Know Before You Mow!

Grass clippings that are blown into the street enter storm drains and are carried directly to our local lakes, ponds and streams. Those clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae. Leave your grass clippings on your lawn and it will provide free fertilizer and reduce water pollution. Contrary to popular belief, doing so doesn't cause thatch buildup. For more information on how to create a beautiful healthy yard the natural way, [download our free 16-page Greenscapes Guide.](#)

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