

Grass Clipping Facts

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Grass clippings account for 75 percent of all yard waste.

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Up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs are supplied by clippings left on the lawn.

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Clippings contain 80 to 85 percent water and decompose quickly.

Think About Grasscycling

Grass clippings have a lot of nutrients that add to the soil organic matter and supply part of the fertilizer needs of the lawn. **Use a mulching lawn mower** or see if you can get a mulching blade for your type of mower. This eliminates you bagging the grass clippings and allows you to recycle them on your lawn using the mulching feature. It's a lot less work.

Use a lawn service? Some lawn services may already mulch for you, but if they don't, ask them to start.

Lawns need roughly 1 inch of water per week through the growing season. Fertilizing and watering beyond the requirements of the grass may not be beneficial to your lawn. The result can be increased production of grass clipping and potential ground or surface water pollution.

Cut the grass higher. Leaving your grass a bit longer gives it plenty of time to absorb sunlight and shades the soil so it can retain water longer.

If you must water, do that early in the morning when there's less wind to blow the water and less sunlight to evaporate it. Morning watering also discourages pests and disease by giving the lawn the rest of the day to dry.

Waste reduction is just as important as recycling. You help when you reduce waste created by grass clippings, which can be as much as 1/3 of the waste generated in towns and municipalities.

If you must dispose of your grass clippings, do not throw them in the garbage.

Check the recycling and garbage collection calendar for collection in your part of town by [clicking here](#) or by visiting Recycle Coach Page on the [Ridgefield Park DPW site here](#).

Checkout what the NJDEP has to say.

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/Grass%20Cut%20It%20and%20Leave%20It.pdf>