

Find yourself next to the water.

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Keep it on the Lawn!

Grass clippings, leaves, and other debris have a tendency to “clump” in storm drains and in the sewers. As it builds up, this can cause the drains to back up since they’re not performing at their peak. This, in turn, can cause flooding or drainage issues in the street and our neighborhoods, and that’s something we’re all hoping to avoid!

Grass clippings can also become slick when wet, posing a risk to cycling and motorcyclists.

Finally, since our storm runoff ultimately ends up in public waterways, we have to consider the environment. Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which can cause an unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds. This can rob streams, rivers, and lake of precious oxygen!

When you mow, please make sure the clippings are being blown back onto your yard, or collect clippings in an attachable bag and deliver to the Public Works Yard Waste Collection at the [Public Works Facility](#)!

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