

Keep Grass Clippings Clear of Storm Drains

As spring blooms, it is time for Grayson residents to start mowing our lawns and taking care of our yards. However, the way we dispose of grass clippings can actually be harmful to our environment. One common mistake is to dump or blow grass clippings into storm drains.

These drains play a critical role in preventing flooding and redirecting rainwater from the streets and driveways to streams and creeks. Grass clippings contain organic matter that when introduced into stormwater, can contribute to pollution and harm aquatic life. Grass clippings can also clog storm drains, disturbing the flow of water. When these drains are blocked, rainwater cannot be efficiently directed away from streets and other surfaces. This can result in localized flooding, posing a threat to property, infrastructure, and even public safety.

What can residents do to ensure they dispose of grass clippings correctly? Avoid dumping or blowing your grass clippings down storm drains. Instead, consider adding them to your compost or using them as mulch. This not only reduces waste but provides rich nutrients that can be reused in your yard. You can also simply leave your grass clippings on your lawn. These simple methods will ensure your grass clippings don't block a storm drain or contribute to water pollution in Grayson.

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