

**NOTICE
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

Due to budgetary constraints, Mansfield Township Sanitation Department will no longer pick up grass clippings, dirt, leaves, stumps or bushes curbside.

GRASS CLIPPINGS ONLY: MAY BE PLACED IN A GARBAGE TRUCK LOCATED IN THE RECYCLING YARD BEHIND THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX ON SATURDAYS ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

The Township encourages all residents to utilize mulching mowers to cut their grass and leave it in place. The best alternative to grass collection is to adopt a “cut it and leave it”

A few facts concerning leaving grass clippings after cutting lawns are listed below:

- * Using a mulching type mower will chop the clippings into fine pieces that are barely visible.
- * Grass clippings contain 80 to 85 % water and decompose very quickly when left on the lawn.
- * Clippings help keep moisture in the soil for a longer period of time, reducing the need for frequent watering.
- * Up to 25% of a lawn’s total fertilizer needs can be met if cuttings are left on the lawn.
- * Average mowing time can be reduced by 30% when clippings are not bagged.
- * Contrary to myth, grass clippings do not cause thatch problems.

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