

## Lawn Care and Stormwater

Proper lawn care can go a long way to prevent unnecessary stormwater pollution in your community. Helpful hints include:

- Take care not to overwater your lawn •
- Avoid disposal of clippings, debris, or anything other than stormwater into the storm drains •
- Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides and follow all application instructions

Grass clippings and debris can clog drains and cause stormwater back-ups and flooding. Here are a few places for your trimmings:

- Sweep, collect, and bag grass clippings and leaves •
- Blow grass clippings back onto the lawn where they can become a mulch and natural fertilizer
- Rake or blow leaves into a compost pile, where they can decompose •

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