

Grasscycling...It's Good for the Environment...Don't Bag It



Composting...Vegetables LOVE It...It even works at night!

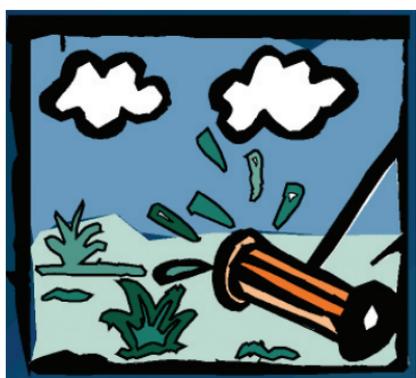
Be Yard Smart & Earth Wise



Tips on How to Grasscycle

- * Mow every 6 to 7 days and cut less than 1/3 of the grass growth when mowing.
- * Mow when conditions are dry and use a sharp mower blade.
- * Don't let large clumps of grass clippings accumulate on the lawn.
- * Reduce use of fertilizers and chemicals.
- * Water early in the morning or in the evening. Water your lawn less frequently, but for longer periods of time. This produces a deep root system resistant to disease and stress.
- * Grasscycling can be done with almost any mower by removing the collection bag. However, if your mower does not have a safety flap where the bag fits into the chute, contact your local retailer for a retrofit kit. Consider changing your blade to a mulching blade.
- * When replacing your current mower think about buying a mulching mower.

Grasscycling – Don't Bag It! Recycle When You Mow!



THE PROBLEM: Grass clippings make up much of our yard waste here in Baton Rouge. They are expensive to haul away and landfill space is declining. An average yard can produce 700 to 1,000 pounds of clippings a year! A valuable natural resource

is bagged and thrown away. Plus your aching back!

THE SOLUTION: An easy alternative to bagging grass clippings is "grasscycling", a simple and natural approach to lawn care that extends the life of our landfill and results in a more beautiful lawn.

It saves time.

You can save as much as 1/3 or more of your mowing time by not bagging.

It saves money.

Grasscycling can be done on your own turf with no added costs and many savings. Properly mowed, grass clippings decompose quickly, conserving water and releasing valuable nutrients. Less watering and fertilizer are needed. Grasscycling can reduce fertilizer costs by 25% because clippings are made of the same nutrient found in commercial fertilizers: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. They act as a slow release fertilizer.

It produces a healthier lawn.

Grasscycling does not cause thatch! Research has shown that this is just a myth. Thatch is made up of thick grass and stems and roots. Grass clippings are 80% water and break down rapidly. Grasscycling is promoted by the Professional Lawn Care Association of America for a more beautiful and healthy lawn.



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