

Did you know that anytime someone pours or sweeps anything into the street, it most likely ends up in our lakes? Lawn care occurs all year in Florida and debris such as grass clippings and leaves can be carried by stormwater runoff to the underground stormwater drainage system, which discharges into a nearby lake.

GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES

Don't dump, blow or rake leaves and grass clippings into the street! Once they reach the lake, they decrease the amount of oxygen in the water, and cause excessive algae growth, which can kill fish.

Do compost or mulch leaves and grass clippings. Compost can provide a source of nutrients and fiber to your yard and reduce the need for commercial fertilizers. Or bag or bundle yard material for pickup by the Solid Waste Division. Transporting these materials to the landfill, however, takes up valuable landfill space.

If you have a lawn service, please be sure they comply as well.



Under City Code 86-3, the City prohibits the placement or deposition of compost, brush, grass, etc. in or on any City street or public place.

Data has shown that leaves and grass clippings contain high concentrations of nutrients, phosphorous and nitrogen, which are the most common cause of lake pollution in urban lakes.

You can help keep storm drains clean by allowing only rain to go down the storm drain. Dispose of waste properly, and help keep our lakes safe and clean!

Call or send written inquiries to:



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