



DON'T BLOW IT into the Street

Keep Clippings in the Yard . . . NOT in the Street

Blowing or leaving grass clippings and other debris in the street during yard maintenance doesn't just look bad, it's **ILLEGAL**.

Although the act of using a leaf blower isn't a violation, the act of blowing or leaving yard trimmings and similar material into the street is a violation. The City considers these acts to be a Municipal Code Violation; therefore code enforcement and police officers can issue citations to mowing contractors, lawn maintenance companies and homeowners who fail to properly collect and dispose of this material.

Fines for blowing or leaving grass clippings in the street can run as high as \$500.

WHY?

Besides being a Municipal Code Violation, grass clippings can also clog the City's storm water drain system. When drains are clogged with clippings and debris, rain and storm water can back up and flood homes and property. Also, rain and stormwater are not cleaned or treated, so when storm drains are used as a dumping ground, the results can be disastrous—and smelly.

So what's the best place for yard trimmings?

- Sweep, collect and bag clippings and leaves.
- Blow grass clippings back onto the lawn, where they become a mulch and natural fertilizer.
- Rake or blow leaves into a compost pile, where they can decompose without odor.

If you use leaf blowers, side-discharging mowers or edgers for your lawn maintenance company, please follow these recommendations or remind your crew NOT to blow grass clippings and leaves into the street or down storm drain inlets—it could save you \$500.

To report a violation:

If you would like to report a violation or if you have questions about leaves and grass clippings being left in the street, please call:

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