

What is it?

# GRASSCYCLING

**Grasscycling is simple** - instead of bagging your grass clippings when mowing your lawn, you leave them on your lawn. It's a natural way of recycling grass clippings. This helps reduce the amount of yard waste collected by Augusta Solid Waste, as well as provide your lawn with nutrients it needs. It does not cause thatch buildup.



## Why Should I GrassCycle?

### ➤ Reduces Yard Waste

Significantly reduce your yard waste especially during the spring and summer months, the “growing months”, just by grasscycling. Why would you get rid of a natural fertilizer for your lawn when there are benefits of naturally recycling of the clippings by grasscycling.

### ➤ Saves You Money

Not only do you save money with the reduction of water, fertilizer and bagging materials, you could also save money with your landscaping company since they will not be providing a service of removing or bagging your grass clippings. With continued long term grasscycling, you could also help to keep city disposal costs down due to the reduction in yard waste.

### ➤ Promotes a Healthy Lawn

GrassCycling is a free, easy way to replenish valuable nutrients to your lawn. With the clippings decomposition, nutrients are released back into the soil providing a natural fertilizer for your lawn. Grass clippings are approximately 80% water, which means less water during your watering cycle.

### ➤ Better for the Environment

At landfills, grass clippings that are buried generate a greenhouse gas. You eliminate this gas from forming by grasscycling. Also, not only do you recycle clippings so they do not end up at the landfill, but you also use less water to maintain a healthy lawn.

### ➤ Easier for You

You can save time by not having to worry about bagging and disposing of grass clippings.

## Helpful GrassCycling Tips

Got questions, call:



No special mower is needed to grasscycle. Just remove the bagger on any mower to allow the clippings to be directed back to the lawn. Make sure your mower has a safety flap covering the bagging chute. If it does not - one can be purchased at a hardware store.

- [1]** Mow while your lawn is dry. Avoid cutting your grass when it is damp – wet grass clippings will clump together.
- [2]** Make sure your blades are sharp on your mower.
- [3]** Use the “1/3 Rule” when mowing. Make sure you mow your lawn frequently so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut during each mowing. Shorter clippings decompose faster and lawns are healthier when grass blades are kept at a 2 1/2 - 3 in height.

Use a landscaping service? Ask them to leave your clippings on the lawn!

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