

Forks Township
**Special Residential
Curbside Yard Waste Recycling
Pickup**



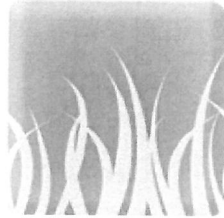
**Leaves, Branches, Twigs, Bushes, Weeds, and Garden
Clippings are no longer allowed in landfills!**

May 22 - 26

**All yard waste placed at the curbside
during this week will be composted. Please make every attempt to put
your yard waste out during this week. Place materials in brown
paper bags, or tie in bundles no larger than 3' x 3'. Unlimited
amounts. No grass clippings or stumps, please!**

Grasscycling – It's Better to Let Them Lie!

Less Fertilizer * Less Water * Less Work* Less Waste



Why Should I Cut and Leave My Grass Clippings?

- Clippings left on the lawn, shelter and help retain water, therefore requiring less watering. As the clippings decompose, they act as a natural organic fertilizer, reducing the amount of fertilizer you need to purchase and apply.
- A typical 1/2-acre lawn in Pennsylvania produces more than three tons--nearly 260 bags--of grass clippings each year and moving these bags can hurt your back! Grass clippings can represent from 20 to 50 percent of the solid waste going into landfills in the spring and summer and dramatically increases the trash hauling cost for township residents.
- Years of research have shown that by mowing frequently (5-6 times per month during the peak growing months) and not bagging grass clippings, homeowners can save up to 40% of the time they spend on routine lawn care!

Simple steps for Grasscycling

- Cut only the top 1/3 of the grass blade and LEAVE the clippings right on the lawn
- Keep your mower blade sharp and mow when the grass is dry to avoid tracking and clumping
- If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings a second time to further shred and scatter them.
- To prevent excess growth between mowings, raise the mower height, mow, then gradually lower it over a span of several mowings. This will help prevent shock to the plants.
- Thatch, a matted layer of dead roots and stems, usually is caused by too much water and fertilizer. Clippings don't produce thatch because they are 80 percent water and decompose quickly.
- No special equipment is necessary. While mulching mowers are available and do a great job, any conventional mower can grasscycle - just remove the collection bag! In the case of rear discharge mowers, the exhaust chute must be shut off. .
- Mulching blades, adapter kits or retro-fit kits are now readily available for your conventional mowers.
- By not trashing grass, you can reduce your mowing time by nearly 40 percent and spend less money on fertilizer and trash bags. And you'll be doing your part for the environment by reducing waste.