

CITY OF ORLANDO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STREETS AND STORMWATER DIVISION

The next time your lawn is cut, please follow these simple guidelines:

NEVER leave grass clippings on the streets, sidewalk, or any paved area. And **NEVER** dump grass clippings into a lake or storm drain. Grass clippings clog stormlines, which leads to flooded streets during rain events. Grass clippings can also end up in local lakes, causing algae blooms and fish kills.

Aim your mower chute AWAY from paved areas. Use leaf blowers to blow grass clippings **INTO** the yard – **NOT** into the streets.

Lawn clippings are a great natural fertilizer. Leave them on your grass to recycle the nutrients contained in the clippings as they biodegrade. Compost excess grass clippings or use them as mulch in your garden.

If you must remove your grass clippings after mowing, please bag them and dispose of them on yard waste collection days.

Proper yard waste removal is not just a good idea, IT'S THE LAW. City of Orlando Stormwater Code (Section 31.19) states: It is prohibited to discharge any polluting matter into the streets and/or storm systems. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty, a citation, pollution abatement costs, and/or action by the City of Orlando Code Board.

For Questions about the Stormwater Code, or to report Stormwater Pollution in the City of Orlando, please call the Stormwater Hotline: 407.246.2370

IS YOUR LAWN A NUISANCE TO LAKES?

