

DON'T BAG IT

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The "Don't Bag It" lawn care plan can reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills, and can save the homeowner:

- Energy
- Fertilizers
- Money
- Pesticides
- Time

The principle is simple: return clippings to your lawn. By leaving your clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into soil, you will improve soil health and reduce pesticide and fertilizer use.

BENEFITS

NUTRIENTS

Grass clippings contain valuable nutrients that can generate up to 25% of your lawn's total fertilizer needs. A hundred pounds of grass clippings can generate and recycle as much as:

- 1/2 to one pound of phosphorus
- 2 to 3 pounds of potassium
- 3 to 4 pounds of nitrogen

These are the three most important nutrients needed by lawns and are commonly supplied in lawn fertilizers.

THATCH

Also, grass clippings do not contribute to thatch (an organic debris layer between the soil and live grass) since grass clippings are 75 to 85% water and decompose readily.

WHY PEOPLE BAG CLIPPINGS

Why, then, do many homeowners bag grass clippings? Basically, it is a personal preference and habit most homeowners have acquired. Proper lawn care practices will usually eliminate surface clipping debris and ensure a successful "Don't Bag It" program.