



Chatham Township's GRASS: CUT IT AND LEAVE IT Program

SAVE MONEY— IMPROVE YOUR LAWN—REDUCE WASTE

- Improve the health of your lawn and save money by cutting the grass and leaving the clippings on the lawn
- Grass clippings are a natural fertilizer, help retain moisture, reduce weed growth and soil erosion
- By recycling grass clippings into your lawn, you can eliminate the need to truck your grass to distant composting facilities. A 5,000 square foot lawn produces one ton (2,000 pounds) of grass clippings per year

TIPS

- Keep grass 2-3 inches high. Tall grass shades the soil and cools the grass roots.
- Properly dispersed grass clippings do not cause thatch. Thatch forms from accumulated dead roots and stems, not from grass clippings. Too much fertilizer also contributes to thatch accumulation.
- Use grass clippings as mulch.
- Mix grass clippings into your soil to moderate soil temperature and reduce runoff from your garden

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