

**Stormwater Management**  
(636) 379-7632



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**GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES OR OTHER YARD WASTE**

Have been dumped illegally in the storm sewer inlet, detention basin, drainage pathway, or along a creek bank.

This is a violation of City Ordinance relating to Chapter 405, section 245 Stormwater Quality Management and Illicit Discharge Control and 220.020 Nuisance Code.

Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty as set out in Section 100.010 of this Code. The judge hearing the violation may also order the removal or abatement of such nuisance and assess the costs of abatement to the person determined to be in violation.

Clippings should be disposed of in the following manor:

- ✓ Bagged for Yard Waste Recycling Service
- ✓ Mulched when mowed and left on grass
- ✓ Mow your grass at a high setting and let the short grass blades fall back onto the lawn.
  - ✓ Used for composting

Reasons for not dumping are as follows:

- ✓ Grass clippings and leaf debris can "choke out" the plants and grass that are stabilizing the banks of creeks, detention basins, or other property decreasing the stability of its banks further.
- ✓ When the grass and leaf material break down it can increase nutrients, decrease oxygen, and cause death of aquatic organisms.
- ✓ The result is a degraded stream with reduced biodiversity and increase in cost to treat our drinking water.

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