



Let's Talk
about
Grass Clippings
& Grasscycling

- ! Leaving the grass clippings on your lawn actually helps with the overall health of your lawn.
- ! Grass clippings on your lawn returns much of the needed moisture and nutrients to the soil.
- ! Grass clippings do not contribute to excess thatch buildup.

What is Grasscycling? Quite simply, it's about grass and recycling. It's a crucial component to the practice of keeping an organic lawn.

Grasscycling refers to the practice of leaving your lawn clippings on your lawn when you mow your grass. This is not a new concept, as many people have done this their whole lives.

What are the benefits to Grasscycling?

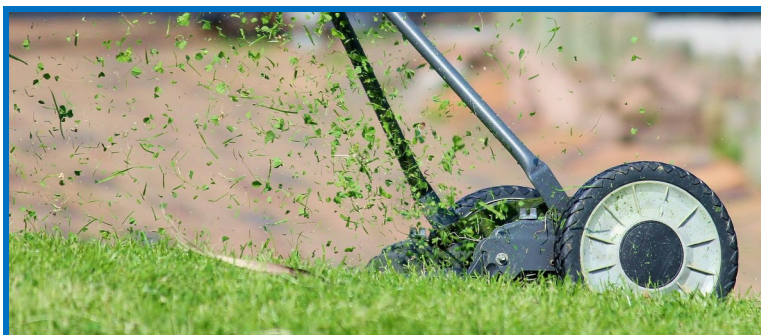
- The obvious one would be the reduction of work. No more raking, bagging, and hauling heavy bags of grass.
- Grass clippings are full of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. By leaving the clippings, you can save on buying less of these fertilizers.
- There is less need for watering your lawn as the clippings help keep the moisture in and are full of moisture themselves.

For more information on Grasscycling see the many informative websites such as:
<https://www.planetnatural.com/grasscycling/>

Will grass clippings left on the lawn lead to thatch build-up? Thatch is a layer of dead plant matter on top of your soil. When the microorganisms in your soil cannot keep up with rapid root and grass growth, thatch build-up can occur. Thatch build-up may be caused by excess watering and too much fertilizer.

What happens to grass clippings that are taken to the Transfer Stations? A 1,000 square feet lawn can produce 200 to 500 pounds of clippings a year. Landfilled grass clippings can take a very long time to decompose. They produce methane gas due to the lack of oxygen vs being allowed to decompose on your lawn. There are special bins for grass clippings at the Ashmont and Mallaig Transfer Stations. The clippings are moved to the Evergreen Landfill where they get buried in a class 2 cell. Residents, however, are allowed to put clippings in any regular bin.

For a healthy lawn try these tips Mow to leave your lawn 3 to 3.5 inches long, mow regularly, mow the lawn with a mulching mower (helpful but not necessary), keep the blade sharp and dry, and mow in alternate directions.



**Safe for you,
Safe for the environment!**

For more information on 'Waste Management', see the County of St. Paul's website
www.county.stpaul.ab.ca



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Transfer Stations Hours and Locations

Winter Hours: November 1 to April 30

Summer Hours: May 1 to October 31

Take it or Leave It sites are located at all County Transfer Stations

<u>Ashmont</u>	NE 34-59-11-W4	59518 RGE RD 112
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday, Saturday, & Sunday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday, Saturday, & Sunday
Class 3 Pits can accommodate larger amounts of demolition material		

<u>Mallaig</u>	NE 24-60-10-W4	10015 TWP RD 604
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday & Saturday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday & Saturday
Class 3 Pits can accommodate larger amounts of demolition material		

<u>St. Edouard</u>	NW 27-57-8-W4	8225 TWP RD 575
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday & Saturday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday & Saturday
Roll off bins only. Large amounts of demolition material not accepted. Only minimal amount allowed.		

<u>St. Lina</u>	SE 29-61-10-W4	61416 RGE RD 104
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday & Saturday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday & Saturday
Roll off bins only. Large amounts of demolition material not accepted. Only minimal amount allowed.		

<u>Vincent Lake</u>	NW 8-59-9-W4	59117 RGE RD 95
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday & Saturday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday & Saturday
Roll off bins only. Large amounts of demolition material not accepted. Only minimal amount allowed.		

<u>Whitney Lake</u>	NE 8-56-4-W4	56131 RGE RD 44A
Winter: 10-4 Tuesday & Saturday		Summer: 9-5 Tuesday & Saturday
Roll off bins only. Large amounts of demolition material not accepted. Only minimal amount allowed.		

* <u>Elk Point</u>	SW 36-56-7-W4	Located southwest of Elk Point on Hwy 646
Winter: 10-5 Tuesday & Thursday/ Saturday 9-5 October 1 to April 30		Summer: 10-6 Tuesday & Thursday/ Saturday 9-5 May 1 to September 30

* <u>St. Paul</u>	Located 2.4 km northeast of St. Paul on TWP RD 582 and RGE RD 93A	
Winter: 10-6 Tuesday-Friday/ 9-5 Saturday		Summer: 12-8 Tuesday-Friday/ 9-5 Saturday
* Check the Town of St. Paul website for current hours as they may have changed		
Winter: October 1 to April 30		Summer: May 1 to September 30

* <u>Evergreen</u>	Located 28 km southwest of St. Paul on Hwy 646, turn south on RGE RD 104	
Hours: 8-4:30 Monday to Friday		Summer: 8-4:30 Monday-Friday 9-5 Saturday
For Evergreen only: Winter Hours are from October 1 to April 30		For Evergreen only: Summer Hours are from May 1 to September 30
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