City of Dover
Grass Clipping Ordinance

DID YOU KNOW:
It’s illegal in the City of Dover to discharge grass clippings in the street!?

Sec. 98-5(c)
“It shall be unlawful to sweep, blow, or otherwise discharge grass clippings into any street, sidewalk, storm drain, or water course more than incidental amounts of grass.”

WHY???
1) Rainfall carries the clippings into our storm system, causing increased maintenance and environmental concerns.
2) Clippings enter cracks in the road causing increased grass growth and street maintenance.
WHAT CAN YOU DO:

- Blow or sweep grass clippings back into yard.
- Compost clippings or place them in a privately owned 35 gallon (or less) plastic container to be picked up weekly, year round, on regular trash collection schedule.
- Orient mower so clippings discharge into yard, not street.

Help Keep our Streets and Waterways Clean!

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