



RECYCLE GRASS CLIPPINGS!

Since the West Lafayette Street Department *no longer accepts* grass clippings as part of your weekly yard waste collection, you are encouraged to recycle them.



LEAVE THEM!

Grass clippings are an excellent source of nutrients for the soil, reducing the need to fertilize your yard. Clippings *do not* contribute to thatch build up which happens from the accumulation of grass roots and stems.

A tip: to leave clippings on your lawn, have them work most effectively as a soil enhancement and keep your yard looking great, only one-third of your grass length should be removed when mowing, allowing clippings to be short enough to filter through the existing grass. Don't allow grass to double its height between mowing.

MULCH THEM!

Spread a half-inch layer of untreated grass clippings around vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs. Treated grass clippings should be left on the lawn. Mulching keeps soil loose and moist, smothers weeds, prevents soil erosion and releases nutrients as the material decomposes.

COMPOST THEM!

Purchase or build a compost bin to contain your grass clippings with composting leaves. Backyard composting instructions are at: www.in.gov/idem/recycle/2374.htm Compost material can be used around gardens, flower or shrub beds or as potting material.

DISPOSE AT SOILMAKER

Soilmaker provides a free drop-off location for fresh grass clippings at 2000 South River Road. Simply show your driver's license or other valid identification with a West Lafayette address when dropping off your clippings. **No bags are allowed.** Because grass produces phosphorus which is not good for the other items composted at the facility, clippings have to be composted separately. Call 743-9861 for more information.

Want more information? www.westlafayette.in.gov or www.in.gov/idem/recycle/2374.htm

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Carts with yellow lids are for recyclables **ONLY!**

recycle only

trash only



PLEASE do not put garbage in these carts as the West Lafayette Street Department crews **will not pick up** any garbage placed in the recycling carts. Trash should be placed in a separate garbage container with a secure lid.

The following clean items are allowed in the recycling carts:



mixed paper

cardboard (flattened)

newspaper



plastic (#1 - #7)

aluminum and tins cans

glass bottles and jars

It's easy! These items do not need to be separated; they simply can be dropped into the cart.

Place your cart with recyclables and your trash containers at your property line **no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before or by 7:00 a.m. on your regular collection day.**

Questions? Call 775-5242.

www.westlafayette.in.gov

Helpful resources

- Goodwill: (855) 497-4587
- Oscar Winski Electronic Recycling: 421-6005
- Tippecanoe County Solid Waste District: 423-2858 (hazardous waste disposal)
- Tippecanoe County Transfer Station/Best Way Disposal: 742-7131
- Farrell's Refrigeration: 742-7231 (refrigerators, dehumidifiers disposal)
- Russell's Refrigeration: 447-1949 (refrigerators, dehumidifiers disposal)

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