

Cut it and Leave It...

In our continued effort to recycle and become a greener community, the Borough of Runnemede recently update the ordinance for yard waste. The new revision states that yard waste will no longer be picked up by the borough in plastic bags...

The Green Team of Runnemede would like you to consider the following...

You can cut your grass and leave the clippings on the lawn. This is in fact good for your lawn. It provides necessary nutrients to the soil and makes using fertilizer less necessary. Contrary to what many people believe the grass clippings do not cause a thatch problem. "Thatch" is formed from the accumulation of dead roots and stems. The more you fertilize and water your lawn, the more it grows and the faster thatch accumulates.

The best practice for lawn maintenance is mow high and mow often, so you take off about 1/3 of the length of the grass. This will result in an attractive, neatly trimmed law, and clippings will disappear as they filter down to the soil. Most New Jersey lawns should be mowed 2 ½ to 3" high to shade the soil, cool the roots, and block weed growth.

Don't work so hard, let you lawn feed itself! All other yard waste needs to be put into a container such as a trash can or paper yard bags that can be recycled. We're all in this together.

* When replacing your existing lawn mower, consider choosing a mulching mower or an electric mower.

* This information comes from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Official brochure can be picked up at the Runnemede Public Library.