

# Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste

**Did you know?** Yard debris like grass clippings, leaves and shrubbery trimmings are a significant source of stormwater pollution. Yard waste carries fertilizers and pesticides into our waterways, causing nutrient pollution and depleting oxygen that aquatic life need to survive. Leaves and grass clippings can clog culverts, storm drains and pipes, causing flooding.



## What can you do?

**Don't blow grass or pile leaves** on the sidewalk or in the street where they can blow or wash into the storm drains.

**Aim your mower away from paved areas.** Use a leaf blower or broom to move clippings into the yard, NOT into the street.

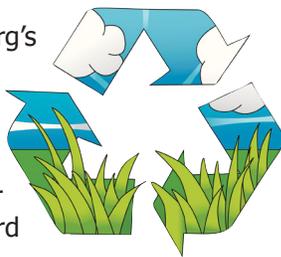
**Don't dump grass clippings or other yard waste** in a swale, ditch or creek.

**Recycle grass clippings as a natural fertilizer.** Leave them on the lawn to biodegrade or compost it for a rich natural fertilizer for your plants and garden.

**Use a mulching lawnmower** to cut up grass clippings and to recycle your fall leaves into the lawn.

**Bag your leaves** for the Town of Brownsburg's free curbside pickup service in the fall.

**Properly dispose of yard waste** at the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District's recycling center. Or, check with your trash service to see if they collect bagged yard waste with your weekly trash pick-up.



**Proper yard waste disposal is more than just a good idea, IT'S THE LAW.**

Brownsburg Municipal Code prohibits dumping or discharging into the storm drain and makes it illegal for anyone to put organic waste into the sidewalks and streets.

When the Town of Brownsburg finds that a person has violated the code, it will issue a notice ordering compliance and the violation could result in a fine.

Call the confidential Stormwater Hotline at 317-852-1121 or use the website Action Center to report a polluter.

For more information, contact Stormwater Coordinator Lisa Christie at 317-852-1121 or by email [christie@brownsburg.org](mailto:christie@brownsburg.org).

Visit the Town's website for information on its free yard waste recycling services.