


# DON'T BAG GRASS CLIPPINGS

*& you'll have a  
healthy, beautiful lawn*



**If you have any questions call the  
"Don't Bag It" Hotline  
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## A QUICK CLASS ON MOWING THE GRASS

### Did You Know?

- ❧ Leaving grass clippings on your lawn can generate up to 25% of your lawn's total fertilizer needs for a whole year.
- ❧ Leaving grass clippings on your lawn conserves water by protecting the soil from hot sun and reducing evaporation.
- ❧ Cross-cut your lawn to dispense clippings in different directions. Your lawn will stay greener and grow more vigorously.
- ❧ Keep your mower blade sharp and cut only grass that is dry.
- ❧ During May and June, don't cut more than one inch at a time – set your mower on high.
- ❧ If you don't bag your clippings, you won't have to stop to empty your bag every few minutes.
- ❧ Should you choose to continue to bag grass clippings you can:
  - ❧ Use the clippings in gardens and flower beds to avoid weeds and conserve water, thereby reducing the need to water as frequently.
  - ❧ Make a home compost pile and use it to enrich the soil around your property.
  - ❧ Dispose of your grass clippings free of charge at the MacArthur Composting Facility.

YOU DON'T NEED A NEW LAWN MOWER. Your existing mower should be just fine as long as you keep the blade sharp.