Grasscycling
Just Mow and Go!

What is Grasscycling?

Grasscycling is simple and easy—and it's good for the environment. So, what is grasscycling? It simply means leaving grass clippings to fall on the lawn when it is mowed instead of collecting the clippings and placing them in paper yard trim bags or reusable containers for curbside recycling collection.

Why Grasscycle?

- Saves time.
- Feeds your lawn.
- Protects the environment.
- Reduces cost to maintain lawn.

How to Start Grasscycling?

- Sharpen mower blades at least once a year.
- Make sure the grass is dry.
- Mow when the grass needs cutting.
- Set the mower blade height to 3 inches.
- Never cut more than one-third of the length of the blade of grass at any one time.
- Cut lawn before grass reaches 4 inches tall.
- Consider using a mulching mower.
- If you use a lawn service company, ask them to grasscycle your grass clippings.

Know the Facts

- Grasscycling does not cause thatch, which is primarily due to improper watering and fertilization.
- Grasscycling does not promote lawn disease, which is mostly caused by improper cutting and watering.

For more information, contact the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services at 3-1-1 or (240) 777-0311 outside Montgomery County or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

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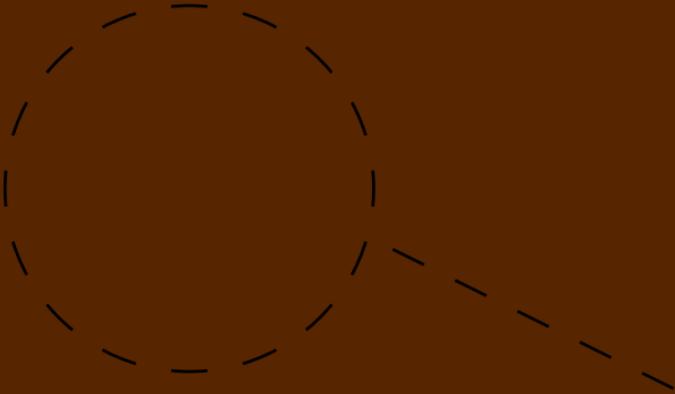
Composting
Your Way to a Natural Fertilizer

What is Compost?

Compost is a natural fertilizer for healthy lawns and gardens that you can make in your own backyard. Get started today!

Why Compost?

- Reduces the need to collect yard trim materials for curbside recycling collection, saving time.
- Reduces the need to use commercial fertilizers.
- Is a beneficial soil conditioner for plants, lawns and gardens.
- It can help save you money.

What Can You Compost?

- Dry leaves
- Straw
- Wood chips
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Plant trimmings

How to Start Composting?

Obtain a compost bin at no additional charge from the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services, available at several County facilities and retail locations across the County. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim for an updated list of locations.

- Add a mixture of the materials listed above.
- Water lightly just to keep it moist.
- Thoroughly mix the materials together in the compost bin.
- Use your compost when it is brown-black in color, sweet-smelling and crumbly.

Composting in Montgomery County

In Montgomery County, it's against the law to dispose of yard trimmings (grass, leaves, brush and garden trimmings) in the trash. By composting, you will help reduce the amount of materials that the County needs to process.