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We couldn't help but notice that you forgot to collect your clippings.

May we suggest

✔ Be a lazy gardener.

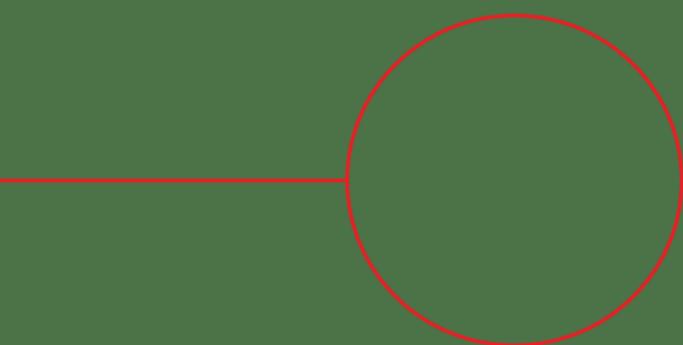
Grass clippings and mulched leaves left on your lawn return nutrients to your grass and make soil healthier.

✔ Compost.

Visit Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (swaco.org) to find out what to do with yard waste, or see if you qualify for a rebate on a home composter (communitybackyards.org)

✘ Don't Dump.

It's illegal to dump anything into storm drains - even "natural" stuff



Soil is good for grass, not fish. Keep your soil in place and on your property so rain doesn't wash it away. Muddy water to fish is like smoggy air to humans: breathing is easier when it is cleaner.

Soak it in! Plant a rain garden with Ohio natives to soak up your rooftop's runoff, and rain barrels capture rain water for later use in your garden.

More is not always better. Apply fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides according to the label to ensure you are applying them at the right time, in the right amount, and in the right place. Product that accidentally lands on driveways and sidewalks easily washes into our waterways.

Reduce hard surfaces. Sidewalks, driveways, and streets allow water to flow into our streams, carrying pollution and increasing streambank erosion, which in turn adds dirt (pollution) to the water.

Buffer water sources. Pay special attention to protecting creeks, ponds, and reservoirs. Plants along the water's edge help reduce water pollution. If you have a stream on your property, try to not mow up to the stream's edge.

Keep yard waste out of streams and storm drains. Not only can it block water flow, but decaying vegetation provides nutrients for algal growth, and can take oxygen out of the water.



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