

Grass clippings left in the road:

- ❖ *look bad*
- ❖ *are bad for the environment*
- ❖ *clog storm drains which can cause flooding and increased maintenance costs for tax payers*
- ❖ *are hazardous to motorists and cyclists*
- ❖ *can lead to fines*

**GRASS CLIPPINGS
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The Town of Lake Park Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Ordinance (Chapter 32) regulates landscape trimmings. In no case shall grass clippings, vegetative material, or vegetative debris intentionally be washed, swept, or blown onto, or into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, wetlands, sidewalks or roadways. **Fines can be issued to those that are caught violating this code.**

When it rains, grass clippings and other vegetative debris is washed down our storm drains and into our stormwater collection systems. If this material does not clog up the system, it often ends up in stormwater basins, creeks, or lakes where they start to decay. This process consumes oxygen while releasing nutrients and can lead to algal blooms and fish kills.



HELP KEEP GRASS OFF THE STREETS!

According to the University of Florida, grass clippings are beneficial to lawns and provide free nutrients for your grass and other plants, so blow them back up onto your yard. Leaves can be used as mulch, composted, or put in paper bags or re-usable containers for your waste disposal company to pick up. Thanks for helping to keep grass off the streets!



PROFESSIONALS AND HOMEOWNERS:

LEARN MORE ABOUT CARING FOR YOUR LAKE PARK YARD

Chapter 32 of the Town of Lake Park Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Ordinance requires all fertilizer applicators to be **TRAINED** and **LICENSED!** In order to ensure that anyone who is commercially applying fertilizer knows **HOW TO**; **HOW MUCH TO**; and **WHEN TO** apply fertilizers, training is provided through PALM BEACH COUNTY:

GET THE REQUIRED TRAINING:

Course Name:	2011 Green Industries Best Management Practices
Service Area:	Environmental Horticulture
Target Group:	Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer Applicators
Cost:	\$10.00
Course Description:	Green Industries Best Management Practices Certification will be required by January 1, 2014 <u>for anyone who is commercially applying fertilizer</u> to an urban landscape, and sooner in some jurisdictions. Earn your Certificate of Completion by successfully passing the test at the end of the workshop.

SIGN UP AT: <http://www.pbcgov.com/coextension/Training.htm> - click on “Environmental Horticulture” and select “2011 Green Industries Best Management Practices” from the drop down box.

*THE INDIVIDUAL WORKING IN THE YARD CAN ACTUALLY **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** IN THE EFFECTS OUR LANDSCAPES HAVE ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES...GET EDUCATED ON THE **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES** FOR PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES BY THE GREEN INDUSTRIES:*

“Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries”
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/GIBMP_Manual_WEB_2_17_11.pdf

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Tutorials: <http://www.floridayards.org/landscape/index.php>

