



What the City of Richmond requests you do with your grass clippings

- Leave the grass clippings on the lawn rather than using the bagger. The clippings will decompose and return nutrients back into the soil to be used by the plants again
- Mow the first two passes with the grass clippings being blown away from the street.
- If you bag up the clippings take them to the compost area at the New Paris Pike landfill



What the City of Richmond requests you do with loose litter and trash on the ground

- Pick up and bag litter and trash off the ground then dispose of it properly in a waste bin
- Sort out the recyclable materials and place in a recycle bin (steel cans, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles are the most common items to recycle)

What may happen if businesses and lawn mowing companies do not adhere to the request?

Based on Richmond City Code those not in compliance may receive a warning and/or fine depending on the violation and the number of consecutive times the violation occurs.

For more details go to:

http://www.richmondindiana.gov/Our_Government/Departments/Law/Richmond_City_Code.htm

and check out:

Chapter 10: General Provisions
R.C. 10.99

Chapter 93: Garbage and Rubbish
R.C. 93.07

Chapter 99: Litter
R.C. 99.08

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Keep Richmond's Waterways Clean



Keeping City Streets Clear of Grass Clippings & Litter

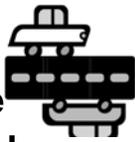


Department of Sanitation

765-983-7450



In Richmond keep the grass clippings & trash out of these areas



- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Streets
- Trails
- Alleys

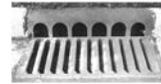
What is the problem with blowing grass clippings and litter into the areas above?

- Materials put in the City's roads, streets, alleys, sidewalks, and trails may end up going into storm drains, ditches, streams, ponds, and other waterways
- Grass clippings and litter are considered pollutants and when they enter public waters they degrade the quality of water not only for its aesthetic quality, but also for organisms that depend on the water as part of their habitat and source of food and water
- It is not considered common courtesy
- It is a violation of Richmond City Code

What can you do to have a beautiful yard and help keep our waters clean??



- **Mowing**—Mow your grass at a setting of at least 3"- 4". The roots of your lawn grow as deep as the grass grows tall, so taller grass has deeper, healthier roots, enabling your lawn to better tolerate hot, dry weather. Not spending extra time and money on watering and fertilizing makes your lawn easier and cheaper to maintain.
- **Storm Drains**—Remember, storm drains lead directly to our waterways. Check streets and sidewalks after applying lawn products and sweep excess back into the lawn. Use dry cleanup methods (sweep with a broom rather than spray with a hose) which prevents debris from entering storm drains.
- **Bare Spots**—vegetate bare spots in your yard. This helps prevent soil erosion and can beautify your land at the same time. Many people do not realize that the #1 water pollutant in central Indiana is sediment. The best way to prevent erosion is by planting shrubs and plants to hold soil in place.
- **Compost**—Dispose of lawn waste in compost piles. Making compost results in a rich natural fertilizer for your plants or garden, productively reusing yard waste rather than throwing it away, and saving you money in the process. Go to www.compostguide.com or a similar website for basic instructions
- **Pet Waste**—Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.



Spilling, dumping, or discharging chemicals, dirt, debris, oil, or other non-stormwater substances into ditches, creeks, streams, curb drains, storm drains, or the river is a violation of federal, state, and local regulations. Allowing sediment or chemicals to wash off a construction site is also a violation.

If you have witnessed an act that you feel is a violation of these clean water regulations anywhere within the city limits, please report the activity to the Richmond Sanitary District at (765) 983-7450

If the problem requires action to reduce or eliminate an immediate health hazard or danger to the public, call 911.

Include the following information with your call:

1. Location of dumping (address or nearest cross streets)
2. Suspected material being dumped



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