

Borough of Chatham *GRASS CUT IT AND LEAVE IT!* Program

NATURE'S RECYCLING! NATURE'S FERTILIZER!

SAVE MONEY— IMPROVE YOUR LAWN—REDUCE WASTE

Improve the health of your lawn and save money by cutting the grass and leaving the clippings on the lawn

Grass clippings are a natural fertilizer which also help retain moisture for your lawn, while reducing weed growth and soil erosion

By recycling grass clippings into your lawn, you can eliminate the need to truck your Grass to distant composting facilities. A 5,000 square foot lawn produces one ton (2,000 pounds) of grass clippings per year.

KEEP YOUR GRASS TALL. Leave grass 2-3 inches high. Your lawn will be healthier. The grass will grow well. Tall grass shades the soil and cools the grass roots. *The grass clippings left on your lawn block the weeds!*

When you *cut grass and leave it!*, you return up to 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Save money on lawn care products, including fertilizer, while returning nutrients to your lawn.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THATCH.

Thatch forms from accumulated dead roots and stems, *not from grass clippings.* The more you add fertilizer to your lawn, the faster thatch accumulates.

BONUS: Use grass clippings as mulch. Reduce your use of garden fertilizers. Mix grass clippings into your soil to moderate soil temperature and reduce runoff from your garden.

THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR—CUT YOUR GRASS AND LEAVE IT!