

Why does the city ask that you remove your grass clippings and other yard debris from the street?



Grass clippings in the gutter create an eyesore on the city's streets.

1. Grass clipping and other yard debris contribute to the introduction of excess nutrients in our rivers and streams.
2. They clog and reduce capacity of the city's storm drain system.
3. They create unsafe conditions for citizens who ride two wheeled vehicles (motorcycles and bicycles).

What can you do?

1. Make all attempts not to direct your grass clipping toward the street.
2. Keep piles of yard waste off the street while awaiting pickup.
3. Keep the curb and gutter clean in front your home.



If you do not compost your yard waste, then bag it for pick-up.



Rules and Regulations

In 2001, the City of New Bern implemented the stormwater plan for nutrient reduction. This plan included several ordinances that focus on preventing pollution in our waterways.

The ordinance that would directly pertain to improper disposal of yard waste and debris is:

Section 15-528. - Waste disposal prohibitions

No person shall throw, deposit, leave, maintain, keep, or permit to be thrown, deposited, left or maintained, in or upon any public or private property, driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk, component of the stormwater system, or water of the U.S., any refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, articles, and accumulations, so that the same may cause or contribute to pollution. Wastes deposited in streets in proper waste receptacles for the purposes of collection are exempted from this prohibition.

For more information on the city's stormwater program or questions about proper disposal of yard waste and debris, contact the City of New Bern Public Works Department at (252) 639- 7501 or 7524.

Information is also available on the city's website at www.newbernnc.gov

