

## On Grasscycling


Grasscycling simply means leaving cut grass clippings on your lawn to break down naturally.


It's an easy way to conserve water and enrich the soil while saving time, money, and effort!




### Did You Know?








 **16,252** Tonnes is how much residential yard and garden waste Metro Vancouver generated in 2013.

 **1 Bag** of grass clippings produces 100g of nitrogen-rich fertilizer.

 **Nutrients** in typical grass clippings is: Nitrogen (N) = 4%, Phosphorus (P) = 0.5%, and Potassium (K) = 2%.



### Grasscycling Saves...

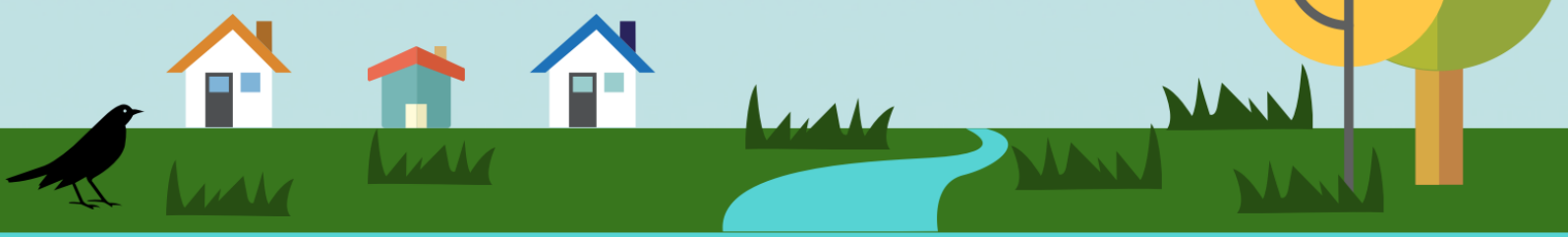
-  **YOUR LAWN:** Cut grass tips decompose and serve as natural slow-release fertilizer.
-  **YOUR TIME:** Free up to 7 hours every summer by leaving grass on the lawn.
-  **YOUR BACK:** No more bagging, raking, or collecting.
-  **YOUR WALLET:** Free complete, slow-release nutrient source!
-  **YOUR ENVIRONMENT:** Reduce water usage and eliminate fuel costs for transporting trimmings.



### Grasscycling Tips



- GO BAGLESS:** Invest in a mulching attachment or a push mower.
- KEEP BLADES SHARP:** Dull blades can tear and harm grass.
- KEEP GRASS TALL:** Longer grass (at least 6cm) minimizes heat damage on the roots and decreases water loss.
- CUT OFTEN:** Smaller clippings (around 2.5cm) decompose faster.
- TRIM DURING EVENING:** This will prevent newly-cut grass from burning and allow for clippings to settle during the night.
- MOW WHEN DRY:** Clippings will spread out more evenly and decompose faster.



Looking for more grasscycling, water usage, or yard waste management tips? Visit [www.rcbc.ca](http://www.rcbc.ca) or call the RCBC Hotline (604)732-9253 or toll-free 1(800)667-4321

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