

**DON'T
TRASH
GRASS!**



GrassCycling

Cut it. Leave it. Watch it thrive.

Grass Clipping Facts

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Grass clippings account for 75 percent of all yard waste.

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Up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs are supplied by clippings left on the lawn.

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Clippings contain 80 to 85 percent water and decompose quickly.

CITY OF PERRY

YARD DEBRIS BAGGING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Beginning on **March 21, 2016**, the City of Perry will offer its residential customers the opportunity to participate in its leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, small twigs, sticks and shrubbery clippings bagging collection program. As an incentive to encourage residents to participate in the program, the City of Perry will provide a **\$3.00** weekly credit for residents who bag their yard waste per the program guidelines.

Program Guidelines:

- Bags are to be placed curbside by 6 A.M. on the day of collection and should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches or any drainage way.
- The resident must have a minimum of five (5) bags and all leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, small twigs, sticks and shrubbery clippings placed at the curb for collection must be bagged and the bags should weigh no more than **50** lbs each. The residents may use regular plastic trash or lawn bags. The City will not collect any bags that contain household waste, rocks, animal waste, dirt, sod or other restricted bulky waste. If a bag contains any unacceptable materials, crews will leave them for the resident to remove.
- Loose branches and limbs (trimmed by the resident) will be picked up.

Note: All yard debris generated by anyone other than the resident must be removed as part of their service. This material may be taken to the Houston County Landfill located at 2080 Hwy 247 South Kathleen, GA 31047.

The success of the City's bagging initiative depends on the cooperation of our residents. Without your contributions, the City would not be able to provide an efficient and cost effective yard waste collection program. This is an opportunity for us all to keep Perry clean, safe and beautiful.

Alternatives to Bagged Leaf Collection

- ❖ Use the cheap, easy and environmentally friendly method of dealing with fallen leaves – weekly mulch mowing. Mown leaves will seemingly disappear as they filter into the grass. This easy process eliminates many hours of raking, bagging and hauling leaves to the curb.
- ❖ Construct a compost bin on your property and use those composted leaves in your garden or flower bed next year adding organic matter and reducing the need for fertilizer applications.

If you have any questions, please call (478) 988-2739