

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE YOUR LEAVES AND YARD WASTE INTO THE STREET!

Although you may see a street sweeper cleaning the streets around the Township, the Township does not pick up grass clippings and leaves for residents. It is the responsibility of each individual homeowner to dispose of their own grass clippings and leaves and not put them in the street or on top of stormwater inlets.



The sweeper cleans up streets in anticipation of a storm, cleans up debris left over from a storm and cleans up debris from the snow removal process. The Township cleans up debris as part of our stormwater maintenance program.

Why should I keep my yard clippings and leaves out of the street?



The Township's stormwater drainage system is designed to efficiently carry rain and snow melt to various streams and detention ponds and away from our streets and homes. Storm drainage inlets (aka inlet boxes) are the grates or openings usually located in the street near the curb.

The downside of this system is that any pollutant (garbage, chemicals, pet wastes, etc.) that is in our streets can enter the storm drainage system and ultimately into the various streams and or detention ponds in Franklin Township. There is no treatment of this water - it ultimately enters into the aquifer and into our drinking water! Leaves and grass clippings are one of Franklin Township's biggest problems because they can create blockages and localized flooding.

Another problem with leaves and grass clippings entering our storm drainage inlets is that leaves and grass clippings decompose into nutrients that can cause algae blooms in the streams and detention ponds which deplete oxygen that aquatic life needs to survive.



Stormwater



Stormwater inlets are for the collection and conveyance of storm water only and are not intended as a place to intentionally dump grass clippings, leaves, contaminants and other potential pollutants. The following is a list of some items which are frequently and illegally

dumped into drainage inlets:

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Paint
- Oil
- Grease
- Gas
- Fertilizer
- Animal Waste
- Pesticides
- Concrete
- Asphalt

If you have an inlet box on your property, please give the Township a hand and clean out any leaves, grass clippings or debris that may be blocking it.

If you suspect someone has illegally dumped grass clippings, leaves or discharged contaminants such as chemicals, construction materials, paint, or petroleum products into a storm sewer or roadway, please contact the Franklin Township Office at (610) 255-5212 or please send us an email at info@franklintownship.us

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our waterways clean!