

# Don't let leaves, trimmings, and landscaping debris harm your neighborhood!

#### IT'S OVERSEEDING SEASON...

Neighborhoods are going to be scalping grass and laying down seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers.

### WHAT DO WE DO WITH THOSE TRIMMINGS?

All landscaping trimmings should be gathered, using dry, non-motorized methods, into a bag and thrown into the garbage can.

#### **KEEP OUR AIR CLEAN!**

Be sure to limit the use of leaf blowers and not scalp too low. Leaf blowers throw dust and particles into the air, impacting our air quality. Poor air quality can lead to respiratory issues, especially in our most vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

## KEEP OUR SURFACE WATER CLEAN

Trimmings and excess fertilizers are carried by stormwater to our natural waterways and recreation areas, where they concentrate and create harmful bacteria.

Living in a desert means our air quality is already high in particulates, so we need to reduce when possible.

When leaves and grass die in nature, it is spread out across a large area. But when we leave these same things in our yards and on our streets, wind and rain carry them through the storm sewer system. They end up in our lakes, parks, and other surface waters, where they mix with excess fertilizers we use and create a concentrated area of bacteria and mosquito growth.











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