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## **Residents Reminded to Keep Streets Clear of Grass Clippings**

Harrisonburg, Va. – With grass-mowing season in full swing, the city of Harrisonburg reminds residents to keep streets clear of grass clippings and other yard debris.

The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains roadways, sidewalks, and the public rights-of-ways for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians to use in a safe manner.

Once in the street, grass clippings and yard debris can create a hazard for bicyclists and motorcycles and the clippings often clog the city's storm sewer system. Grass clippings can serve as a great natural fertilizer for the lawn and should stay within the grassy areas of one's property.

"Our goal is to inform residents about this but also educate on the reasons of why it is important to keep the streets clear of grass clippings and yard debris," explained Kelley Junco, environmental compliance manager with the Public Works Department.

Residents who collect grass clippings and yard debris from their property, may also drop the materials off at Harrisonburg's Recycling Convenience Center. The center is located at 2055 Beery Road and open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

## Did you know?

By collecting grass clippings and yard debris and dropping it off at the Recycling Convenience Center, this contributes toward the city's overall recycling rate.

For a complete list of materials accepted at the Recycling Convenience Center, visit <a href="https://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/trash-recycling">www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/trash-recycling</a>.

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