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Lawn & Garden Waste Management

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Lawn & Garden Waste Management

Lawn & Garden Waste, if improperly handled, can accumulate and often lands in creeks and ditches, as well as in the City storm sewer system. Responsible management of lawn and garden waste helps promote good water quality, and keeps our water resources healthy.

Under recent changes to the federal Clean Water Act, the City must address the issue of water quality. A major component of polluted water in the City is nitrogen and phosphorous based fertilizers that wash off over fertilized yards. When fertilizer is applied to a yard, any excess that falls on sidewalks and driveways should always be swept back into the yard rather than washed into the street or gutter with a garden hose. One easy step homeowners can take to avoid over-fertilizing is to soil test their yards prior to application of any fertilizers. In many instances, soil testing saves the homeowner money, because it shows that they can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed.

Composting of lawn and garden waste on site is another method homeowners can use to reduce their fertilizer costs. There are a growing number of homeowners who are opting to mulch tree leaves and grass clippings with their lawn mowers to compost, and later use as a soil amendment in their yards and flower beds. (Pet waste should not be composted, and if chemical fertilizers are used, the

compost should not be added to vegetable gardens).

Lawn & Garden Waste Recycling

Jefferson City has contracted with Twehous Excavating Company to provide a location for homeowners to drop off yard waste. The hours of operation vary by season. There is **No Charge** to City residents who haul their own waste. Free, freshly ground mulch is also available at the site. The site is located at **2606 West Edgewood Drive** (see map).

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

March 16 thru November 30

8am to 8pm, Mon. thru Fri.

8am to 4pm, Sat. & Sun.

December 1 thru March 15

8am to 4pm, Mon. thru Fri.

8am to noon on Sat.

Closed Sun.

The site may be closed on the following holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



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