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In Burleson, blowing or sweeping yard waste into streets, sidewalks, driveways or storm drains is illegal. Why? Because when it rains, yard waste left in streets, on sidewalks, or in driveways will wash into nearby storm drains. Once in the storm drain system, the yard waste can enter waterways without being treated or cleaned.

Yes, grass clippings, tree leaves, and other yard waste are natural, but they still pollute local waterways. As yard waste breaks down or decomposes in a local creek, stream, river, or lake, oxygen is required for that process. Aquatic life, like fish, need oxygen to survive.

If too many grass clippings and tree leaves are washed or dumped down a storm drain, the storm drain may become clogged. The next time it rains, or the sprinklers run, the water that would normally flow down the storm drain will be blocked by the yard waste. This can cause flooding in the neighborhood.

How can you manage yard waste?

- Clean up yard waste that gets to the streets, sidewalks and driveways.
- Don't bag it! Use fallen leaves as mulch or shred them and leave them on the lawn, or use a mulching mower or a mulching blade.
- Take yard waste to the City's Compost/Mulch/Recycling center. The City's center, located at 620 Memorial Dr., next to Fire Station # 2, is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. During operating hours, Burleson residents (proof of residency is required) may take brush, leaves and grass clippings to the site in approved paper lawn waste sacks that can be purchased at any home improvement retail store. If the yard waste is in cans, boxes, or plastic bags it must be emptied and disposed of by the resident. Free mulch is also available for Burleson residents, upon request, on those days.

To report a violation regarding improper disposal of yard waste, call Code Compliance at 817-426-9830.