FRCA
FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY

IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE GRASS RECYCLING THE FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR RESIDENTIAL GRASS DROP-OFF STARTING IN 2019. PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION LISTED ON THIS PAGE. THE CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL GRASS DROP-OFF WILL FOLLOW THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW.

THE PROBLEMS

- Grass clipping and other yard waste account for about 20% of municipal waste in landfills.
- Bagged grass causes odor and nuisance control issues.
- Bagging clippings removes valuable nutrients from soils.

THE SOLUTIONS

- *Grasscycle:* Leave grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. This reduces the time, costs and labor of bagging grass and returns valuable nutrients to the soil. Grass clippings decompose quickly, so they do not contribute to thatch.
- *Control growth rate:* Reduce yard waste and have a healthier lawn by using the methods listed below.

THE METHODS

- *Mowing Practices*: Mow weekly or Bi-weekly during the peak growing season. Remove no more than one-third of the leaf tissue with a sharp blade to allow the clippings to break down rapidly. Although standard mowers do a fine job, mulching mowers chop the grass into finer pieces for quicker breakdown. Some mower manufactures offer mulching kits for standard mowers. When Turf is overgrown (such as during rainy periods), large clumps may form after mowing. These clumps can be removed for back yard composting, used as mulch, or spread out on the lawn by remowing.
- *Fertilizing:* Grasscycling reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Too much fertilizer can weaken the lawn by causing a shallow root system to develop. When using fertilizers, apply small amounts only two to three times during the growing season (mid to late May and early to mid September are best in this region).
- *Watering:* Water just enough to wet the root system. Too much water damages roots and may cause disease. Frequent but light watering may weaken the lawn by causing a shallow root system to develop.

GRASS CLIPPINGS – RULES AND REGULATIONS

- *DEP* permit and the First Regional Compost Authority Board approved the acceptance of the grass clippings at the *Weaversville Processing Site ONLY.*
- *FRCA* will only accept grass clippings from the following approved vehicle types
- Pick-up trucks (6 and 8 foot beds)
- Small trailers (up to 8 feet)
- Passenger vehicles
- There will be no charge to participating authority residents for the first bag or can of grass up to 32 gallons per week. After which see the following rate schedule for additional bags or cans.
- Residential drop-off will take place in bag or container only, no bulk acceptance by residents unless researched by the Director of Operations and approved. Residential drop off using anything other than bags and containers will be billed based on vehicle size at established commercial rates.
- All bags and containers must be removed from the site after drop-off
- There will be no grass clippings dropped off at any of the Township/Borough Sites.
- FRCA reserves the right to refuse any grass clippings based on condition of the clippings, the inability to transport or incorporate in to windrow, quantity of grass on the Weaversville site, or if the source of the grass is questionable.

GRASS DROP-OFF RATES—RESIDENTIAL 2019

Car with 1 bag or can of grass $0.00/week
Car with 2-3 bags of grass $3.00/visit
BROWN YARD WASTE BAG OR 32 GALLON EQUIVALENT
Pick-up Truck 6 foot $5.00/visit
Pick-up Truck 8 foot $7.00/visit
Trailer single axle up to 8' $10.00/visit

ANY OTHER VEHICLE TYPE WILL FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL RATES OF THE AUTHORITY.

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RESIDENTIAL LOADING

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday-Saturday
8:30am to 2:30pm*****

Thursdays
12:30pm to 2:30pm*****

*No loading from 11:30 to 12:30 (Lunch)

Hours are weather permitting at
the discretion of **FRCA**
April 1 –November 1

Loading Fee Schedule

Natural Mulch . . . . 3 yards for $15.00

Organic Compost . . . . .1 yard for $15.00

Colored Mulch . . . . .1 yard for $15.00

All Material Leaving the **FRCA** must be **TARPED!**

The FRCA reserves the right to limit quantities based upon availability