



Don't Bag It: Put yard clippings to use as mulch

Grass clippings can serve as a nutrient-rich fertilizer for your yard. One of the best ways to use grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn.

Mowed grass (especially clippings less than an inch in length) decomposes quickly, returning useful nutrients to the yard. Less than a third of the grass's height should be mowed at any time to keep your lawn healthy, especially during the summer when heat can stress the grass.

Another use for leaves and clippings is in a compost bin, which can benefit your entire garden while keeping a useful resource from using valuable landfill space.



Mulch helps keep yards healthy with less water

Using mulch in your landscaping can conserve water and keep your plants healthy.

Mulch helps to keep soil moist by slowing evaporation of water from the soil and allowing water to infiltrate the soil efficiently. It also moderates the soil temperature and breaks down into nutrients for plants.

Using mulch can also keep weeds from sprouting, making caring for your yard easier. Soil erosion is reduced, and compacting is reduced because the mulch can disperse the weight of people and pets that walk and run over it better than soil can.

How to Use Mulch

- Spread a thick, even layer of mulch (several inches deep) in all areas of your yard not covered in grass or thick groundcover.
- Trees and shrubs benefit from mulch spread at least as far as their outermost branches (the "drip line"). To prevent diseases and pest infestation, avoid piling mulch against tree trunks.

For more information about mulch and caring for your yard during times of drought, visit cor.net/WaterConservation.



Texas Pure uses material collected in Richardson, Plano, Frisco, Allen and McKinney to create compost like this, as well as mulch.

Texas Pure Products

Your brush, tree branches and other clean yard trimmings collected through the City's Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) program become mulch and compost from Texas Pure Products.

Richardson is one of five cities that collect these items for Texas Pure, a composting program started by the City of Plano in 1992.

The program diverts 75,000 cubic yards of material from the landfill each year and provides participating cities and the public high-quality mulch and compost.

You may purchase compost and mulch in both large and small quantities, and large quantities may be delivered to your home. You may purchase in person, online or by phone.



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