

Grass Cycling Information Sheet

Grass cycling is an easy and excellent way of recycling grass cuttings after mowing your lawn.

Simply leave the cuttings on the ground instead of throwing them away and they will turn into nutrients and act as a fertiliser in the soil.

By grass cycling you can:

✓ **Save time and effort**

No need to collect grass clippings for collection/disposal.

✓ **Reduce waste**

The grass clippings stay in your garden so less waste (which usually needs to be collected and processed or disposed of) is produced.

✓ **Save money**

Grass clippings contain nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, which are put back into your lawn each time you mow. This reduces the amount of fertiliser you need to buy to keep your lawn healthy.

✓ **Have a healthy lawn with fewer weeds**

A healthier lawn will crowd out weeds.

Any mower can recycle grass clippings. Just remove the grass catcher. Mulching mowers or recycler mowers produce finer clippings.

Top tips for grass cycling

- Mow when the grass is dry
- Don't cut off more than one third of the grass blade in one mowing
- Mow over the clippings a second time if the grass gets too high. This will further shred the clippings
- Keep your mower blade sharp. Blunt blades tear the grass and give the grass a brownish colour
- To prevent excess growth between mowings, raise the mower height, mow, then gradually lower it over several mowings. This will also reduce shock to the plants from cutting too much at once
- Grass clippings that form clumps on top of your lawn can smother the grass if not raked up. Place raked clippings into your brown bin or layer them over soil to act as a mulch cover to help control weeds and maintain soil moisture. As the clippings decompose, more can be added to the top of the soil

Mulching lawn mowers (or 'recycler mowers')

Consider buying a mulching mower the next time you purchase a new lawn mower. Mulching mowers are designed to cut and re-cut grass clippings into little particles that drop back into your lawn.

For more detailed information about grass cycling and mulching mowers visit: www.mulching.co.uk

Companies that sell mulching/recycler mowers include:

www.organiccatalog.com	T: 0845 130 1304
www.classic-lawns.co.uk	T: 01285 760 799
www.asmowers.co.uk	T: 01948 890 177
www.mower-magic.co.uk	T: 0845 123 5844

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