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Bag It, Don't Blow It

ABILENE, Texas - With Spring only about a month away we know that lawn mowers and weed eaters are about to start running once again.

We here at the City of Abilene Stormwater Services would like to request your assistance in preventing grass clippings from entering our streets and storm drains. As you may know, storm drains and curb lines are used to route water to our drainage ways or creeks. Therefore, any grass, leaves, fertilizers, pesticides, or other debris that enter these areas may cause drainage issues or algae blooms.

So, what can you do to help? Adopt these simple practices:

- **Mow smart.** Make passes along paved ways with the clippings blowing back onto the lawn. This practice will minimize the amount of cleanup at the end and prevent curb buildup.
- **Sweep it.** Do you see grass clippings or dirt on the driveway, sidewalk, or curb line where you are working? Sweep it back onto the lawn or bag it up. Make sure not to hose off the area which would send these pollutants on into our waterways.
- **Keep it clean.** Whether in the street or in the yard, remember to remove leaves, grass clippings, and trash from storm drains or curb lines.

Last June, we launched the "Bag It, Don't Blow It" campaign to prevent these pollutants from entering the streets and storm drains. We hope you will continue to join us in an effort to protect our drainage system. For more information, please visit www.AbileneStormwater.com or call 325-676-6281.

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