

Town of Stow HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Policy on Grass Clippings, Leaf Litter, & Fertilizers

- For all town owned properties, grass clippings are to be left where they are cut whenever feasible. If a situation calls for bagging of grass clippings it must be disposed of at a local disposal facility – no piling or composting.
- 2. For all town owned properties, leaf litter is to be collected and hauled to a disposal facility. There is to be no composting of leaves on Town-owned properties. Leaves are not to be blown onto any adjacent impervious surface.
- 3. Seed and fertilizer used by Town employees on Town properties must be nitrogen and phosphate free. Fertilizer used should be labeled 'slow-release' or 'time-release' and the optimal time of year for fertilizing is September.

These policies serve to protect the Town of Stow's waterways and are required under the Town's Stormwater Management (MS4) permit.