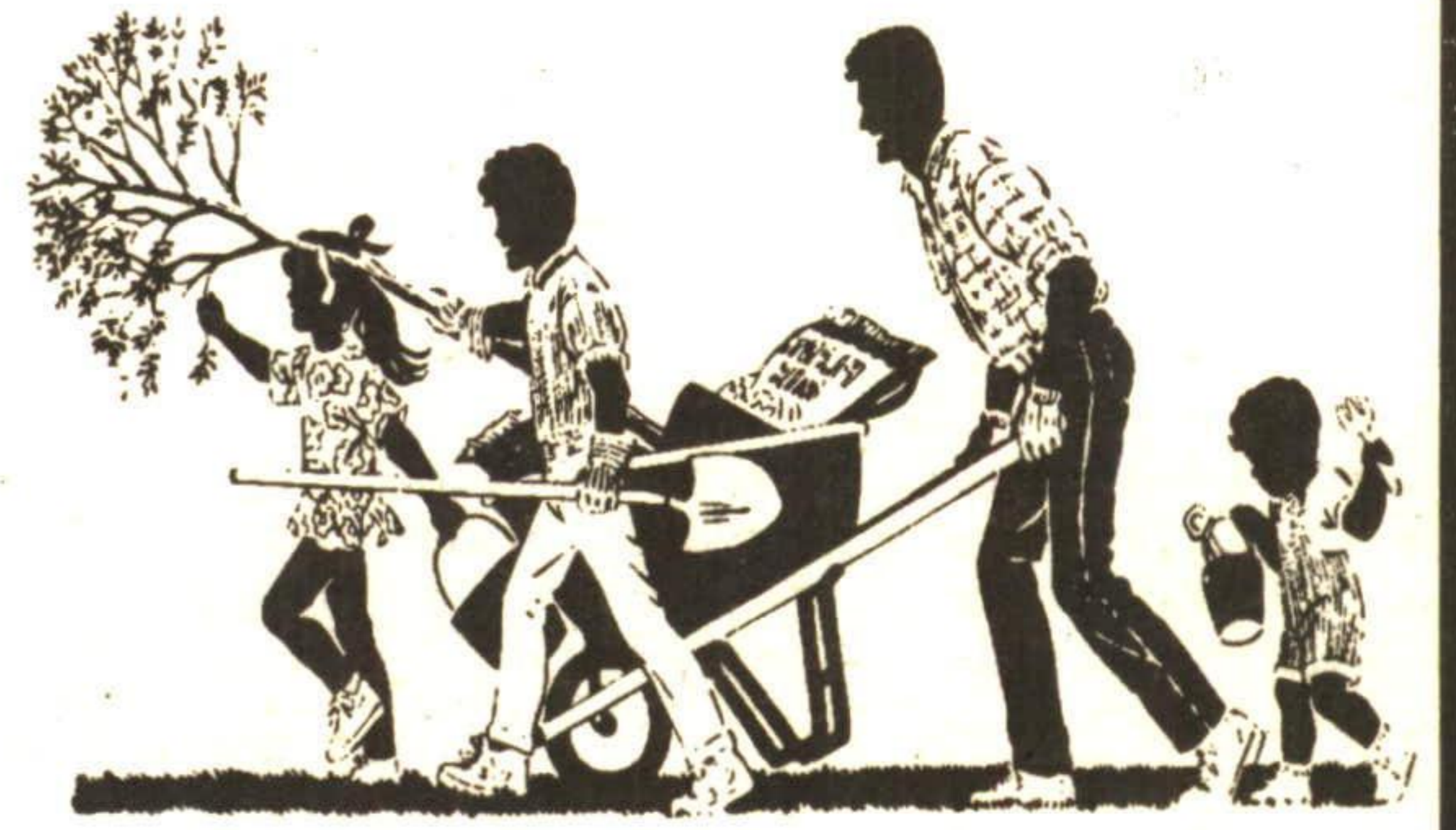


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Should I Bag My Grass Clippings?

by Duncan Atkinson

Is it better to leave grass clippings on the lawn or is it better to take them off? I am asked this question on a regular basis and my answer is always the same. If you can see the grass clippings clumping on your lawn, then remove them. If not, leave them on the lawn to return valuable nutrients back into the soil.

All summer long, tons of grass clippings are taken into our transfer station on Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown. It is costing Halton Hills thousand of dollars for the pick up and transportation of the clippings to a landfill site. By leaving your clippings on your lawn, you will be doing your part in reducing the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Before you can begin leaving grass clippings on your lawn, you must first maintain healthy lawn care practices. This means, that your lawn should be properly fertilized with a good quality fertilizer. This will encourage your lawn to grow at a reasonable rate and keep it strong and healthy. It is also essential that your lawn receives 3/4" of water twice a week and is mowed at least once per week. Ideally, lawns should be

mowed every 4 to 5 days. This will reduce the length of the grass clippings and subsequently speed up the rate of decomposition. Also, don't forget to keep your mower blade razor sharp.

Grass clippings are a valuable resource to your lawn. They contain over 4% nitrogen, 2% potassium and .5% phosphorus - all of which are essential plant nutrients. They are also the three main nutrients found in fertilizer. Grass clippings are also between 20% to 30% protein. The protein is rapidly attacked by soil bacteria and fungi resulting in fast decomposition. As a result, grass clippings do not contribute to thatch.

Bagging grass clippings began in 1950 when the first mowers with catchers were produced. Since then, the bagging of grass clippings has become a standard practice. However, now that research indicates grass clippings are beneficial to your lawn, mulching mowers have appeared on the market. A mulching lawn mower is a good investment for those of you who are looking for a new mower.

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