

## **Other Uses for Clippings**

- Compost clippings at home. They're an excellent source of nitrogen for your compost pile. No more than 1/3 of the pile should be fresh clippings. Mix thoroughly with "brown" materials such as leaves or straw and turn the pile regularly to keep it well oxygenated and to prevent odors.
- Use dried clippings as a mulch. Apply dried grass clippings directly on the soil about one inch thick to reduce weeds, moderate soil temperature and control soil spattering, erosion, run-off and evaporation.
- Avoid mulching with clippings recently treated with herbicides; this will harm your plants. Wait two mowings before using treated clippings as mulch on plants.
- Incorporate fresh clippings into garden soil. A two-inch layer of fresh grass clippings can be turned into the soil to a depth of 6" about once a month to add nutrients and organic matter, improving the texture and moisture retention properties of the soil.