

Landscaping Maintenance Best Practices

Best management practices are procedures that should be used to encourage healthy yards and prevent excess nutrients and pollutants from entering our water way.

- ⇒ Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste and tree trimmings. Compost, use curbside pick-up or dispose at a solid waste facility.
- ⇒ Keep the clippings. Don't blow your leaves or clippings into the road, instead, mulch them into the yard! They can supply up to 50% of the nitrogen your grass needs.
- ⇒ Prevent erosion by temporarily or permanently stabilizing bare soil with seed and straw or sod.
- ⇒ Ensure all chemicals and fuels are in covered storage. Train all personnel in proper spill clean-up procedures.
- ⇒ Take unwanted chemicals to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to be recycled.
- ⇒ Do not overwater. Use irrigation practices such as drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro spray systems. Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.
- ⇒ Avoid mowing with the discharge chute facing toward the road or drainage ditches. Instead, mow toward the center of the lawn.
- ⇒ Repair leaking equipment. Absorb fluids and recycle or dispose of them properly.



The City of Franklin Sanitation and Environmental Services division coordinates brush and yard waste collection. For more information on these services, visit their website [here](#).

For more information, contact the City of Franklin Engineering Department at (615) 791-3218.