

**Environment & Transportation Department
Litter Management Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Collection of Green Waste

Parks & Landscape Services have advised the following:-

“In accordance with a more sustainable policy with regard to amenity grass maintenance to support the establishment of wildflower rich swards, DCC will only be maintaining open spaces/greens and will not be cutting grass margins in residential estates.

Residents who wish to maintain a more manicured margin can do so. This policy is in keeping with the policy of every other local authority in the country. Support for Tidy Towns and environmental groups who wish to contribute to the appearance of their neighbourhood streets will be available by contacting their local public domain officer.”

Should Resident Committee's / Environmental Groups wish to cut the grass margin, it is DCC's preference that the cut grass should be left in place to allow for return of valuable nutrients like nitrogen back into the soil in accordance with best practice and as outlined in the document attached. See URL link below

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-01/DCC%20GrassCycling>

While Waste Management are fully supportive of the Parks and Landscape biodiversity policy and the Environmental Protection Agency policy on grass cycling, we are mindful of resident's groups hard work in maintaining their local areas.

Where Residents Committee's/Environmental Groups wish to maintain a more manicured margin, and wish this grass to be collected then they should **only** use Waste Management services new "Compostable bags". These bags will be collected, subject to prior engagement with waste management staff and the local public domain teams, and when resources are available at times agreed between the Resident Committee's and Waste Management Staff. We would like to reiterate that collection of cut grass and presentation for collection should only be carried out on **rare** occasions as Waste Management services have not planned for this service, and the servicing of such is demanding on resources. It should be noted that large green spaces are not included in this service.

Green waste from private gardens should not be presented for collection and should be disposed of within the brown bin. Green waste presented by private residents will be regarded as illegal dumping and could be subject to a fine of €150.00

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