

# Killeen Guide for... Yard Waste

## What is the Problem?

### Yard Waste:

- Clogs storm drains
- Causes flooding of streets
- Carries fertilizer, herbicides and other pollutants it picks up
- Enters creeks and rivers without being treated or cleaned
- Depletes oxygen in the creeks and rivers
- Causes aquatic life to migrate or die



## What is Yard Waste?

- Grass Clippings
- Shrubbery, brush or tree clippings
- Leaves
- Vegetable or other garden debris



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## What Can I Do To Help?

- Don't blow grass clippings into the street
- Pick up leaves from curbs and gutters
- Compost yard waste
- Recycle if possible
- Use as mulch
- Dispose of in the trash
- Don't fertilize or apply herbicides within 24 hours of a rain event



## What Yard Waste Can Do!

- **Mulching :**
  - Reduces evaporation from soil surfaces
  - Inhibits weed growth
  - Moderates soil temperatures
  - Keeps soils from eroding
- Grass clippings can be used to make compost:
  - which enriches the soil, loosens tight and heavy soils,
  - helps sandy soils retain moisture and nutrients,
  - can be added to pot plants or be used as mulch around landscape plants and gardens

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