

# CITY CONNECTION

## Help Keep Stillwater Beautiful

This is the time of year our attention turns to cleaning and sprucing up our properties, including mowing our lawns. With the rain that Stillwater has experienced this spring, grass is growing at a faster rate and the lawns are not being mowed as often. When the lawns are mowed, the grass and yard clippings are frequently ending up in the streets. This causes drainage issues due to the accumulation of the clippings in the drainage system, is considered as litter, and just looks messy.

While the responsibility for assuring the attractiveness and safety of our community falls to all citizens of the City, the property owner is the person or organization legally responsible for correcting any violations. Violations occur when litter is thrown or deposited in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place within the city except in public receptacles, in authorized private receptacles for collection, or in authorized city landfills. Violations also occur when weeds or grass exceed 12 inches in height, harbor rodents or vermin, give off an unpleasant odor, constitute a traffic or fire hazard, or regardless of height, harbors, conceals or invites deposits or accumulation of refuse or trash. Citizens may report violation concerns by calling the Property Maintenance Hotline at 742.8383.

Violations such as these can be easily avoided by keeping the lawns mowed, by bagging the clippings, or by ensuring that grass and yard clippings do not get deposited into the streets. Through the cooperative efforts of all citizens, Stillwater will be a pleasant, attractive, and enjoyable community for everyone. So remember, when mowing your lawns, to blow the yard clippings away from the street or bag them. Thanks for helping us keep Stillwater beautiful!

City Connection is brought to you by the City of Stillwater as a public service to provide regular information about City services and to respond to general questions asked by the public about their local government. The Property Maintenance and Housing division is available to provide further information or assistance regarding property maintenance, dilapidated structures, or other property issues by calling 742.8346 or 742.8343.