

Keep Grass Clippings off Roadways:

In most areas, including Wisconsin, blowing grass clippings onto the road is illegal and potentially dangerous, especially for motorcyclists. While some states may not have specific laws, many municipalities have ordinances prohibiting this practice due to safety concerns. Violations can result in fines or other penalties.

Why it's illegal and dangerous:

- **Slippery conditions:**

Grass clippings, especially when wet, can create a slick surface on the road, similar to ice, making it hazardous for vehicles, particularly motorcycles and bicycles.

- **Drainage issues:**

Grass clippings can clog storm drains, leading to potential flooding and water damage.

- **Obstruction of traffic:**

Grass clippings can obstruct the roadway, making it difficult for drivers to see and potentially causing accidents.

- **Local ordinances:**

Many cities and towns have specific ordinances prohibiting the placement of yard waste, including grass clippings, onto streets and sidewalks, even if there is no state law.

Consequences of violating the law:

- **Fines:**

Violators may be subject to fines, as indicated by ordinances in various locations.

- **Misdemeanor charges:**

In some cases, blowing grass clippings into the road can be considered a misdemeanor, potentially leading to more serious penalties.

- **Responsibility for cleanup:**

Individuals are typically responsible for cleaning up any grass clippings they have deposited on the road.

Recommendations:

- **Mow responsibly:**

Direct grass clippings away from the road, either back into your yard or into a designated collection area.

- **Sweep or blow clippings back:**

If clippings do end up on the road, sweep or blow them back onto your property.

- **Check local ordinances:**

Be aware of any specific rules in your area regarding the disposal of yard waste.