Community Corner

THAT'S NOT WHERE THAT BELONGS!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1220** to mow grass clippings and/or rake leaves into the road.

Grass clippings in the roadway can create a slippery surface, especially when wet, increasing the risk of losing control and crashing. Clippings can also wash into storm drains, causing blockages that lead to localized flooding.

SNOW

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1219** to place obstructions in the roadway. This includes pushing snow removed from driveways, sidewalks, etc. back into the road. Snow pushed into the road can cause hazards not only for the public but for snowplows.

OTHER OBJECTS OFTEN PLACE IN THE ROW

Free-standing basketball nets, garbage cans and other objects placed near or on the road pose safety risks, including traffic hazards, instability (especially in high winds), and potential injury from tipping over.

Garbage cans are allowed to be placed in their **designated pick-up areas on pick-up days only**. Once garbage and/or recycling have been picked up, all cans and bins must be removed from the ROW and/or roadway ASAP.

Basketball nets can obstruct snow removal and maintenance, create liability concerns, and encourage unsafe play near roads.

NYS Highway Law Section 319

Anything placed within the ROW can be considered an obstruction, including but not limited to basketball hoops, as they impede the department's ability to properly and efficiently maintain the ROW and/or roadway.

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