



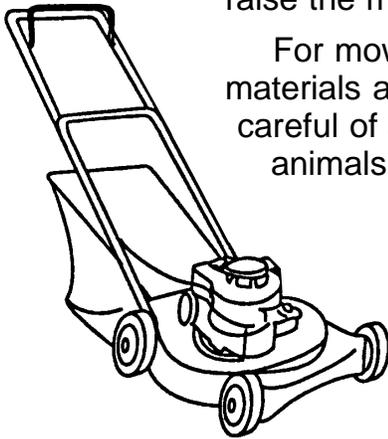
Composting 101

Power Mowers

If you have no access to a shredder or grinder, you can use a rotary mower to grind up yard trimmings. The use of power mowers should be restricted to materials which are no wider than a pencil.

A mulching mower or mulching attachment will perform even better. If the mower can be adjusted, set it for cutting high. Lay the materials out in a row, or in low pile, and gently lower the mower gradually into the pile, lifting it and dropping it again several times. Be prepared to raise the mower quickly should it start to stall.

For mowers with side exit port, this method works best if the materials are blown against a wall to make collection easier. Be careful of any flying debris, and direct it away from people and animals.



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