



Do NOT blow grass clippings into the street or sidewalks! It is recommended that when you mow, do not blow the clippings into the street or onto sidewalks and if you do, make an effort to clean it up.

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF OF THE STREETS!

Clippings act as a natural mulch which helps **CONSERVE SOIL MOISTURE** preventing your lawn from drought stress!

Keeping grass clippings in your lawn recycles nutrients your lawn needs to stay **HEALTHY!**

If you sweep your clippings into the street grass clippings can cause...

- BACTERIA GROWTH** in receiving water bodies
- PENALTIES.** It is **ILLEGAL** to litter in the streets: grass clippings included
- FLOODING** A storm water system clog which may lead to **FLOODING**
- SAFETY HAZARDS** for motorists
- PESTICIDES AND CHEMICALS** to runoff into storm water drains, causing more filtration needs.

The grass clippings can cause several problems. They can be a safety hazard for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists, and when it rains, they can clog storm drain grates – resulting in flooding and damage to Village and private property. In addition, it just looks bad! Let’s keep Lomira beautiful!

Village of Lomira Ordinance 20-5(a)(1) prohibits grass clippings from entering the street. Property owners can be cited and fined for violations.

Beat the heat at the Lomira Library!

Check out what's cool at the library this summer!

Hours: M/W/F 9-5, T/Th 1-6, Sat 9-12

Phone: 920-269-4115



Camp iREAD: Kids, teens, and adults - stop by and register for our new summer library program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”! Awesome activities, colorful crafts, exciting events, and popular prizes every week.

Friday Fun: Programs every Friday at 1pm. Live animals, magicians, mad scientists and more!

ATTENTION SENIORS: Join us for our NEW Senior Social hour. Coffee and conversation (and treats!) the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10am. Additional activities include: July 6 – Cards/Games, July 20 – Chair Yoga, August 3 – Book Chat, August 17 – Chair Yoga.

Storytime Picnic: Pack a picnic and join us at Sterr Park for our weekly summer outdoor storytimes – Wednesdays at noon.

Library at the Market: Visit us at the Lomira Farmers Market for stories and crafts on Thursdays from 5-6pm!

Yoga in the Park: Join us at Sterr Park for a free yoga class, all skill levels welcome: Jul 14, Jul 28, Aug 11 at 5:30pm.

Local Attraction Passes: Looking to have fun (and save \$\$\$) this summer? Check out our selection of NEW attraction passes! See the animals! Take a swim! Visit the gardens! And more! **We’ll see you at the Library!**

SLASH THE SALT!
It's a Win-Win for Customers and the Environment!

Here's our problem.....

Lomira has hard water. You probably knew that already. So a lot of us have water softeners to prevent lime buildup and to give us cleaner laundry. As Lomira grows so does the number of softeners in the Village. The problem is most softeners use salt to regenerate the resin during backwash. The chloride from the salt (salt = sodium + chloride) discharges to the sanitary sewer and ends up at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Treatment plants are designed to remove solids and break down organic wastes. But chloride can't be removed by normal treatment processes. So, chloride coming in the "front door" of the plant and leaves out the "back door". If the chloride concentration gets too high in the river, it can affect aquatic life and get into the groundwater. Our Wastewater Plant has a chloride limit in our DNR permit, and it was reduced at our last renewal. If chloride levels continue to increase, we could be facing violations and be forced to install more treatment or be forced to stop salting Village streets.

Here's our solution.....

To avoid the need for more expensive treatment, chloride discharges must be reduced at their source of pollution. A major source of chloride to our system is residential water softener backwash. We are also working with industrial and commercial sources and reducing infiltration from road salt. As a homeowner, if you can simply reduce the amount of salt your softener uses, we can avoid expensive treatment. Here are some ways you can help:

- Invest in Efficiency. Replacing your old softener with a new higher-efficiency model can help reduce salt usage. A new system can save as much as 48% on salt use.
- Calibrate. Set your water softener for the correct hardness level. Many water softeners have multiple hardness settings but are set at the highest hardness level when they are manufactured. Setting the softener for the proper hardness will save you money on salt and help protect our environment. The proper setting for a water softener in most areas of the Village is 25-26 grains of hardness. Your local softener dealer can test your water and tell you the correct setting for your home.
- Check the Timer. If your softener is the older type that regenerates based on a timer, when was it last adjusted? Many of us move into a house or purchase a softener and never check it again. Children move out, or we simply are using less water. You may be able to increase the interval between regeneration cycles without affecting the water quality. Increase the time by one day and see if there is any effect on dish washing and laundry during the next month. If hard water is coming through near the end of the cycle, set the timer back one day.
- Look for Symptoms. Is your softener using more salt than it used to? Check the water (brine) level in your softener's brine well. If it is more than about 1/3 full, this could mean the injector valve needs cleaning. A dirty valve could cause the softener to produce much more brine than it needs, and then waste that brine to the sewer. Schedule an efficiency evaluation with your softener dealer.
- Maintain It. You wouldn't want to drive a car that only delivers half of its full power. It has to be maintained to keep working at its best. Your softener is no different, but we tend to forget about it until it quits. Schedule an efficiency exam with your softener dealer at least every 2 to 3 years and keep enjoying the benefits to your water.

Here's the thing.....

In order to make this a win-win for you and our community, it will take cooperation from lots of homeowners like you. Some of our recommendations are things you can easily do yourself. Others may involve getting help from your softener dealer for some minor adjustments. But in the end, you could be saving money every month by using less salt. We are here to help. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 920-269-8155 Opt. 3 between 8 AM and 3 PM Monday through Friday. Thank you for your help as we work together to **SLASH THE SALT!**