

# ANDOVER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

134 Newton Sparta Road  
973-383-4280

## FALL 2011/WINTER 2012

### GOVERNING BODY

**Mayor Phil Boyce**

**Deputy Mayor Mike Lensak**

**Committee Members: Gail Phoebus, Bob Smith, Tom Walsh**

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## *LETTER FROM THE MAYOR*

We are so lucky to live here, a place that has four distinct seasons. I love all of them, but I have to admit that fall is probably my favorite. The leaves are changing to a bright yellow and gold, a nip is in the air, and the deer and chipmunks (and everything else) are running around getting prepared for what winter may bring. After the summer we just had, I am afraid to even speculate what the winter could be like here.

This has been a rare and unprecedented time for weather in Andover. The Township suffered through the same kind of August and September that all of New Jersey did. The wettest month on record was followed by the second wettest month. We suffered through not one but two one-hundred year rain storms.

I wanted to thank the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works. The fire department pumped out numerous homes that suffered basement flooding. I also required the assistance of our volunteers and they did a fabulous job. The DPW crews worked diligently through the storms trying to keep drains and roads open. We are still assessing the damage and making sure we have done everything possible to solve the problems we can control.

Then, to top it off, we get hit with an early snowstorm on October 29th that brought down power for about 83% of Andover Residents. It took some residents 5-6 days to get the power back on thanks to so many snow laden trees coming down. The Department of Public Works, the Police Department and the Fire Department did a great job assisting residents. How did JCP&L do? Well that's a different story. I will leave it up to you to answer that one. The township has passed along our criticism of their performance.

I also want to thank our employees at town hall who get called numerous times by residents who needed assistance and information in times like this. All of them did a great job.

The Township Committee continues to welcome new businesses to our town. The opening of the new Andover Animal Hospital (previously located in Sparta), across the street from the new Domino's will be opening soon. Local Veterinarian Dr. Harvey Hummel and his wife Jill are re-modeling the old milk barn that has stood on that corner since the beginning of the last century. It will be a modern, state of the art center that we all can be proud of. Look for it to open very soon.

We also welcome the following new businesses located on route 206: Amy's Asian Market; HH Auto Sales and Wendy's Place, a barber shop.

The Township Committee also appreciates and supports the variety of businesses that make our community unique. The Domino's Pizza relocated to Newton Sprat Road at the corner of Limecrest. I am told that they are now considered the nicest Dominos location in New Jersey, out of the 600 franchisees in the state.

The members of the Township Committee want to wish all of our residents a wonderful fall season and hopefully a mild winter.

Phil Boyce  
Mayor, Andover Township

**ANDOVER TOWNSHIP**  
**TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR 2012**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Electronics can no longer be put curbside. The state has mandated that all electronics be properly recycled. The SCMUA (Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority in Lafayette) and all landfills have been notified by the state that as of *January 1, 2011*, landfill disposal of electronics is prohibited. Some options that we know are available at this time:

- SCMUA periodically offers free e-cycle days. Any other time you take an electronic item to the landfill, the fee is dependent on the weight of the item(s).
- Best Buy takes TVs for recycling at their stores (they charge \$10, but you then receive a \$10 store credit).
- Manufacturers are required (by the NJDEP) to have e-cycling options available to customers of their products.

NJ DEP has an "E-cycling" website: [www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/Electronic\\_Waste/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/Electronic_Waste/index.html)

**THESE SERVICES ARE HANDLED BY THE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**BRUSH PICKUP** will be **October 1, 2011 through April 15, 2012**, weather permitting. The cut end of the brush must be facing the roadway and be neatly piled, not crossed. The maximum diameter of limbs is **3 inches**. For safety reasons, thorn bushes and briar bushes **will not** be picked up. **Please note:** brush pick up is for our *residents' convenience* when clearing away overgrown trees and bushes, or when storm damage occurs. We do not have the man power or large machinery to pick up huge amounts of brush. Any **commercially cut** trees or bushes causing an abundance of brush cannot be picked up by our DPW crew. The SCMUA Recycling Center located on Rte. 94 in Lafayette is available to all residents. Their phone number is 973-579-6998.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF** During the Month of January, trees should be brought to the lower parking lot at Hillside Park, Lake Iliff Road. When weather permits, the trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available to all residents. ***Christmas trees will not be picked up curbside.***

Plastic Bags should not be thrown out in trash or with recyclables.  
 They can be recycled at most grocery and department stores.

**Fiber** = Cardboard; Newspapers; Magazines; Junk Mail/Paper; Food and tissues boxes.

**Commingled** = Glass, Plastic, Aluminum and Tin. **NEW ADDITION:** We now can include wax coated containers. For example: juice boxes, milk, soup and broth cartons.

**Freon and Metal Pick Up**  
 Must be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.  
 Call:  
 973-383-4280  
 X224

| <b>JANUARY</b>          |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| TUES                    | WED                                |
| <b>3</b><br>Commingled  | <b>4-</b> Trash and Bulk           |
| <b>10</b><br>Fiber      | <b>11 -</b> Trash and Bulk         |
| <b>17</b><br>Commingled | <b>18 -</b> Trash and Bulk         |
| <b>24</b><br>Fiber      | <b>25 -</b> Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal |
| <b>31</b><br>Commingled |                                    |

| <b>FEBRUARY</b>         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| TUES                    | WED                                 |
|                         | <b>1 -</b> Trash and Bulk           |
| <b>7</b><br>Fiber       | <b>8 -</b> Trash and Bulk           |
| <b>14</b><br>Commingled | <b>15 -</b> Trash and Bulk          |
| <b>21</b><br>Fiber      | <b>22 -</b> Trash and Bulk          |
| <b>28</b><br>Commingled | <b>29</b><br>Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal |

| <b>MARCH</b>            |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| TUES                    | WED                                |
| <b>6</b><br>Fiber       | <b>7 -</b> Trash and Bulk          |
| <b>13</b><br>Commingled | <b>14 -</b> Trash and Bulk         |
| <b>20</b><br>Fiber      | <b>21 -</b> Trash and Bulk         |
| <b>27</b><br>Commingled | <b>28 -</b> Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal |

**Please note the hauler has off the following holidays:**

**July 4:** Trash will be picked up on Thursday, July 5

**December 25:** Fiber Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, December 26.

Even though it falls on the trash/bulk day, please keep recyclables separate.

| APRIL            |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 3<br>Fiber       | 4 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 10<br>Commingled | 11 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 17<br>Fiber      | 18 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 24<br>Commingled | 25 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| MAY              |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                              |
| 1<br>Fiber       | 2 - Trash and Bulk               |
| 8<br>Commingled  | 9 - Trash and Bulk               |
| 15<br>Fiber      | 16 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 22<br>Commingled | 23 – Trash and Bulk              |
| 29<br>Fiber      | 30<br>Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| JUNE             |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 5<br>Commingled  | 6 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 12<br>Fiber      | 13 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 19<br>Commingled | 20 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 26<br>Fiber      | 27 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| JULY             |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 3<br>Commingled  | 4 -<br>*HOLIDAY                 |
| 10<br>Fiber      | 11 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 17<br>Commingled | 18 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 24<br>Fiber      | 25 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |
| 31<br>Commingled |                                 |

| AUGUST           |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
|                  | 1 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 7<br>Fiber       | 8 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 14<br>Commingled | 15 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 21<br>Fiber      | 22 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 28<br>Commingled | 29 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| SEPTEMBER        |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 4<br>Fiber       | 5 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 11<br>Commingled | 12 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 18<br>Fiber      | 19 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 25<br>Commingled | 26 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| OCTOBER          |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 2<br>Fiber       | 3 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 9<br>Commingled  | 10 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 16<br>Fiber      | 17 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 23<br>Commingled | 24 – Trash and Bulk             |
| 30<br>Fiber      | 31 - Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| NOVEMBER**       |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TUES             | WED                             |
| 6<br>Fiber       | 7 - Trash and Bulk              |
| 13<br>Commingled | 14 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 20<br>Fiber      | 21 - Trash and Bulk             |
| 27<br>Commingled | 28 – Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

| DECEMBER         |  |
|------------------|--|
| TUES             | WED                                      |
| 4<br>Commingled  | 5 - Trash and Bulk                       |
| 11<br>Fiber      | 12 - Trash and Bulk                      |
| 18<br>Commingled | 19 - Trash and Bulk                      |
| 25<br>HOLIDAY    | 26 – Fiber<br>Trash/Bulk/<br>Freon/Metal |

**Waste Oil Drop off Days:** The last Friday of each month between the hours of 8-10 AM at the Municipal Garage (upper parking lot), 134 Newton-Sparta Road. The dates are only changed if a holiday falls on the last Friday. Dates are as follows: January 27, February 24, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, October 26, November 30, and December 28.

**\*\*LEAVES ARE PICKED UP THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER ONLY. \*\*  
Must be in brown paper bags.**

(This service is also provided by the Township's Department of Public Works)

**INFORMATION FROM Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority (SCMUA)**  
[www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)

**Battery Recycling:** *If It's Rechargeable, It's Recyclable.* Batteries from power tools, cell and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, etc.; lithium and button cell batteries; batteries for autos and boats.

**Paper Shredding:** Third Friday of every month, from 9 AM to 12 PM; \$6 per box.

**Mixed Rigid Plastics (MRP):** Storage containers, tubs, shelving, toys (houses, cars, trikes), buckets, crates, laundry baskets, lawn furniture. Material is weighed and facility does charge a disposal fee.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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| <b>TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSING</b>    | <b>2011:</b> November 24 and 25 (Thanksgiving); December 26 (Christmas).<br><b>2012:</b> January 2 (New Years Day); January 16 (Martin Luther King's Birthday); February 13 (Lincoln's Birthday); February 20 (President's Day); April 6 (Good Friday); May 28 (Memorial Day).   |
| <b>OVERNIGHT PARKING</b>            | Local Ordinance 10-10B restricts the parking of vehicles on any roadway in the Township between the times of 10 PM and 6 AM. This ordinance is in effect each year from November 15 <sup>th</sup> to April 15 <sup>th</sup> of the following year. The police department requests that if a vehicle needs to be parked on the roadway, a call be placed to the police department by the vehicle owner.   |
| <b>SNOW REMOVAL</b>                 | Local Ordinance 10-23. Effective immediately, whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets or highways, including town owned and operated parking lots, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any street or highway or portion thereof. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect for an eight- hour period following the cessation of such snowfall.   |
| <b>OBSTRUCTION TO STREETS</b>       | No person shall deposit, throw, spill or dump dirt, ashes or other material upon any street or highway in the Township. No person shall divert, obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of surface waters in any gutter, drain or ditch along any street or highway of the Township, nor in any way cause the normal flow of water to be stopped, diverted from or overflow the gutters, drains or ditches. <b>The Department of Public Works appreciates your cooperation.</b> |
| <b>AFTER HOURS PAYMENT DROP BOX</b> | As a convenience to our residents, we have an outdoor payment "drop box" on the pillar near the front entrance to the Municipal Building. This secure receptacle can be used at any time to leave payments or correspondence for any Andover Township Department. Payments left after 3:30 PM will be credited to the next business day.   |
| <b>FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION BOX</b>   | The Municipal Building has a box for donations to be made to the Bodhi Monastery Food Pantry. Township employees and residents are encouraged to donate what they can. <b><i>The food pantry is currently helping to supplement the needs of over 100 people on a weekly basis.</i></b>  |

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

**LADIES CROSS TRAINING/EXERCISE CLASSES:** A winter session of cross training and 20/20/20 will start shortly after the fall session ends. Please check the township website or call the recreation department. We will limit class size to 25. You are responsible for providing your own equipment.

**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY:** Planned for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillside Park Hall. Doors open at 1:15 PM and the Andover Regional School Chorus will provide the entertainment. We expect Santa to visit around 2PM. Each child will receive a gift; refreshments will be available for everyone.

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND ARTS CLASS:** A new music and arts class for newborns through age five will run a winter session starting in January. Sponsored by the Recreation Committee, classes will be held at the Hillside House at Hillside Park under the direction of Raymond Griffiths, a township resident. Mr. Griffiths has provided countless hours of entertainment for children in NYC and the surrounding areas for 17 years, performing at many large venues. Classes will feature live music, props, movement and a theme, as well as an age appropriate art project. Maximum class size is 12 children.

*If you need additional information or want to register for any of the above mentioned programs, please contact the Recreation Office at 973-383-4280, ext. 234 and ask for Jackie Huelbig.*

## ADAY TO CELEBRATE ANDOVER TOWNSHIP

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Hillside Park. We're sure everyone will recall how great the fireworks display was at the last Andover Township Day Celebration and we hope to meet everyone's expectations once again.

Besides ending the day with a fireworks display, we are planning many fun activities for both children and adults including a petting zoo, pony rides, carnival games, bounce house, Nascar Race Track, large obstacle course and other rides plus live music by 2 bands along with great food at affordable prices. We invite Andover Township non-profit organizations to join the celebration by manning a booth or other activity that will benefit your organization as well as be of interest to our residents. We will hold meetings periodically throughout the winter and spring to organize the day's activities so please plan on joining in!

Please contact the Recreation Office at 973-383-4280, ext. 234 to report your organization's interest and participation.

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**ATTENTION - SENIOR CITIZENS:** The Greater Andover Senior Citizens are actively seeking new members. You must be 55 years of age or older. The Group meets monthly on the first and third Monday of each month at the Senior Center on Route 517 S. in Andover Borough. Monthly trips and other activities such as in-house entertainment, catered luncheons, bingo and guest speakers are scheduled throughout the year. For information call Lois McCue at 973-383-3783.

**Various important services are available!!!! For information and referral on programs and services for the elderly, call the Sussex County Office of the Aging at 973-579-0555.**

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**The MOMS Club of Andover/Green/Newton:** A non-profit organization for stay at home and part time working moms. If you are with your children during the day and want to meet and socialize with other moms and children, the MOMS Club is perfect for you! The group holds monthly meetings, weekly play dates, MOMS night out, group activities, community service projects and kid-friendly day trips. We would love to meet you! For more information please contact Laura 973-383-2113.

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**DOG LICENSING:** If you need assistance or information, please call 973-383-4280, Ext. 224. Failure to secure a current dog license could result in the issuance of summons. [Cats do not need to be licensed, but should be protected with a rabies shot.]

**REMINDER:** *Puppies* must be licensed by 7 months of age. Also, any dog acquired during the year must be licensed within 10 days. All new residents owning dogs, which do not carry a current NJ license, must obtain one within 10 days. All licenses must be renewed every January. **Late fees of \$5 per month** per dog will be assessed to any license renewed after January 31.

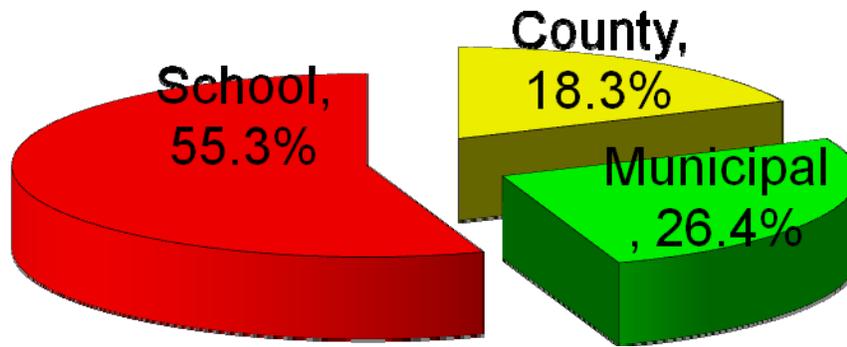
**IMPORTANT** – Please continue mailing in renewal information. If your dog is currently licensed you will receive a renewal application. *Include a self addressed stamped envelope; copy of recent rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate.* **Please do not mail 2012 Dog License renewals before December 30, 2011.**

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**FREE RABIES CLINIC DATES:** Friday, January 6 at the Municipal Garage, 134 Newton-Sparta Road. **Dogs** will be scheduled for **5 to 7 PM**. **Cats** will be scheduled from **7 to 8 PM**. In case of inclement weather, listen to WNNJ or WSUS for cancellation. Rescheduling will follow. **The State mandates that the rabies immunization not expire before November 1 of the licensing year.**

*Dog licensing will not be available at the time of the clinic.*

## WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?



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**BLUE REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS:** The Andover Township Fire Department's Junior Auxiliary is currently selling *Blue Reflective Address Signs*. The signs are 6 x 18 inches and can *easily* be mounted to your house or mailbox. It is a great way to make your house quick to find in case of an emergency. The signs are \$15 and are available at the Fire Department at 625 Limecrest Road the second and fourth Monday of each month between 7:30 and 8:30 P.M. If you need further assistance, please contact Bob Reidmiller at 973-579-2694.

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### **ANDOVER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**OPERATION SANTA!!!!** The Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department will be chauffeuring Santa to deliver Christmas presents on **Tuesday, December 20, Wednesday the 21, and Thursday the 22 between 6 PM and 9 PM.**

**Here's how it works:** We are requesting a \$10 (cash or check) donation from each family who would like Santa to deliver their presents. **100% of all donations will be used towards necessary expenses and equipment.** We also ask that you wrap a small gift for Santa to present to your child. No expensive gifts; only small presents valued at no more than \$15. Wrap the gift and put your child's name and address securely on top. This is a huge undertaking by the Fire Department. It is very important we have the proper information for each gift so no child is disappointed.

Firefighters will visit every requested address in the Township. They will sound their sirens and activate their lights and the children can then come to the engine and receive their gift from Santa and his elves. Imagine how excited your child/children would be to have Santa arrive at your door. All you need is a camera.

Please fill out the form below. Drop the check, form and gift off at the Firehouse at 625 Limecrest Road on **Friday, December 16, 6 PM to 9 PM; Saturday, December 17, 9 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday, December 18, 9 AM to 2 PM.** You will be given a schedule of times for your area when you drop off your gift.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Gifts:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## Stormwater Management

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides.**

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

### Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local bodies of water and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.

### Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local bodies of water.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

### Clean up after your pet

- Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the

ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, bays, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or people's property.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Participate in community cleanups.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Follow Andover Township's yard waste collection rules.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.