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“PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT GRASS ONTO A ROADWAY”

Dear Town of Olean Resident,

As mowing season is now upon us, I want to remind you that depositing or blowing grass onto a roadway is a dangerous practice. Not only is it unsafe for motorists, it is also illegal in New York State.

Several laws were created to prevent this action. New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1229 states putting glass or other injurious substances on a highway is prohibited.

Another law created to prevent this action is New York State Highway Law Section 214. It states that any person who shall deposit or throw upon a highway, ashes, paper, snow, ice, stones, sticks, or other rubbish, shall be liable to a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars to be sued for and recovered by the town superintendent.

Wet or freshly cut grass can be like ice in the winter. It prevents proper traction of tires to the road and can increase braking distance.

For the safety of all who travel the roads in the Town of Olean, please do not blow grass onto a roadway.

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