

Pet Waste

WHAT'S ALL THE STINK ABOUT?



DOG POOP IS A REAL HEALTH RISK

It's more than just a smelly nuisance! Dog poop puts kids, adults, pets, and wildlife at risk. Pet waste is full of harmful *fecal coliform* bacteria that can make us really sick.

RAIN MAKES THE PROBLEM WORSE

When it rains, dog poop and fecal coliform bacteria are washed into our storm drains and streams, where the pollutants negatively affect our water quality. Would *you* want to swim or play in that water?

THE SCOOP ON POOP

- Dog poop commonly carries nasty things like heartworms, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, parvovirus, giardia, salmonella, and E. coli. Dogs can transfer some of these illnesses to people, not just to other dogs.
- The viruses, worm eggs, and bacteria found in dog poop can live up to a year or longer. Leaving dog poop on the ground contaminates the grass and soil.

WHAT TO DO WITH DOG POOP

- **Scoop it**
in public and in your yard.
- **Bag it**
to contain the bacteria.
- **Put it in the trash**
and **only** the trash.

BOTHELL HAS A SCOOPING LAW

Not picking up after your pet is against the law!

Per Bothell Municipal Codes 6.16.011 and 8.60.240, it's illegal to leave your pet waste on public or private property. It's even illegal to take your dog on a walk without having proper pet waste disposal bags with you. **Doing so could land you a \$250 fine per violation.**

LEARN MORE

Visit bothellwa.gov/scoop or pugetsoundstartshere.org for more ways to help keep Puget Sound healthy.



You're gonna pick that up, right?



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