

Ten Reasons to Scoop the Poop

Dog waste can contain bacteria, parasites, and pathogens that can directly and indirectly cause people to get sick.

Responsible pet owners should always be picking up after their pets when nature calls in a public place, and should be regularly scooping poop in their own yards.

- **Dog waste is an environmental pollutant.**
- **Pet byproducts can harm your health.**
- **Contaminated waste can make dogs sick, too.**
- **Rodents love pet waste.**
- **Dog waste is far from fertilizer.**
- **Children are at risk.**
- **Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.**
- **Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.**
- **Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.**
- **It's the law! Many urban and suburban areas require you to pick up after your pet. Even if there is no restriction, cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.**

A common misconception surrounding pet waste disposal is that the best way to deal with pet waste is to simply collect and compost it for use in your flower or vegetable garden. In fact, pet waste can be downright toxic!



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