

Scoop That Poop



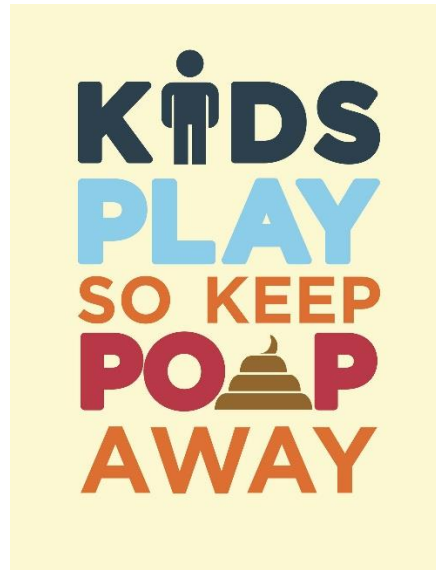
Did you know?



Dog waste is more than a nightmare for our shoes. Just like human sewage, untreated pet fecal matter is harmful to waterways. Rain washes dog waste and the associated disease-causing organisms, such as giardia and salmonella, into rivers, beaches, and bays via storm drains. Enough

bacteria make water unsafe for drinking and swimming and also contribute to shellfish bed closures. Pet waste left anywhere is a potential public health risk. Pet waste on playing fields, sidewalks, or parks can be unhealthy and messy. Even at home, responsible pet owners should throw pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet to prevent water pollution associated with bacteria-laden waste. Less dog waste in the watershed means a happier and healthier community for all.

The management of pet waste is an important issue for the people and environment of Prince George's County.



Human Health: Pet waste contains disease-causing organisms that can be transmitted to people, pets, and wildlife. Fecal coliform, bacteria, salmonella, roundworms, and giardia can remain in your yard for weeks and months if not cleaned up.

Quality of Life: Civic pride- Areas left messy with pet waste are unattractive and degrade the quality of life for residents. Pet waste discourages people from coming to local shopping districts and visitors from enjoying local parks and can contribute to lowering property values.

Water Quality: Pet waste left on the ground also mixes with stormwater runoff and the contaminants are carried to nearby waterways, like the Anacostia River, where we swim, fish, and play.

[Scoop That Poop PGC - YouTube](#)

Why **SCOOP** That **POOP**?

Dogs Poop in
the Yard, Park
or Dog Park.



Disease Causing
Bacteria &
Parasites
Travel with
Rain Water
Runoff.



People Get Sick!

scoop IT.  *bag* IT.  *trash* IT.

