

ASSUMPTIONS



*It's natural – it will decompose.*



*I always forget my bags.*



*Pet waste never used to be a problem.*

FACTS



Bacteria and pathogens found in pet waste can make dogs and people sick and survive outside for weeks.



Try trying some to your leash or visit [cleanwaterdogs.com](http://cleanwaterdogs.com) for a free bag dispenser.



With so many dogs, everyone needs to do their part so we can have a clean and healthy neighborhood.

CLARK COUNTY HOME TO 110,000+ DOGS PRODUCE 18+ TONS OF POOP DAILY!

- Pet waste can spread germs and parasites such as E. coli, roundworms and giardia.
- Using DNA testing, Clark County identified dog poop as a primary bacteria source in local streams.
- Dispose of pet waste in the garbage where it goes to landfills designed to safely handle the waste.
- Rain runoff contaminated with pet waste can travel across lawns and hard surfaces before entering local streams and lakes through storm drains.

Get help at: [www.cleanwaterdogs.com](http://www.cleanwaterdogs.com)

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# Is pet waste a problem in your neighborhood?

## RESOURCES AND TIPS FOR HELPING NEIGHBORS PICK UP PET WASTE





## THE DOG POOP PROBLEM

Stepping in dog poop and smelling unpleasant odors are just two of the problems with pet waste that isn't cleaned up. Pet waste can contain parasites and bacteria that are harmful to people and pets. Left outside, pet waste also contaminates stormwater runoff with bacteria and other pollutants. This runoff drains from your street into your local stream or lake, untreated. That's bad for people and wildlife that rely on clean water to live, work and play.

### Tips for when...

You see someone didn't pick up after their pet.

### Try this...

*Don't make assumptions about why they didn't pick up after their pet. We've all forgotten a bag! Be friendly and offer them one of yours.*

You repeatedly find piles of neighbors' pet waste in your yard.

*Request a free "Please Scoop" lawn sign and add it to the problem area.*

There's an area in your neighborhood, like a sidewalk or grassy area, where people often leave pet waste.

*Without assuming it's them, offer neighboring homes a Canines for Clean Water brochure and let them know about the free signs and other resources available at [www.cleanwaterdogs.com](http://www.cleanwaterdogs.com).*

You want to address the issue of pet waste in common areas in your neighborhood or multifamily complex.

*Contact the property manager or homeowners association and let them know Canines for Clean Water offers free resources to help remind neighbors to pick up after their pet. You can also request a free sign from Canines for Clean Water and place it in the common area.*



## NEIGHBORHOOD TIPS

Talking to neighbors can be difficult alone. Finger pointing and accusations exacerbate the problem, so take a friendly approach. Connecting with motivated neighbors or your neighborhood association can help spread the word and convey unity about expectations. Signs, newsletter articles and social media posts can amplify voices to help address neighborhood problems.

Visit [cleanwaterdogs.com](http://cleanwaterdogs.com) to find free resources!