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PET WASTE & WATER QUALITY

Protect your health & Jacksonville's waterways. Scoop the poop!

IS IT REALLY ALL THAT IMPORTANT TO SCOOP POOP?

Picking up pet waste and disposing of it in the trash keeps our sidewalks clean and our neighbors happy. But it also protects water quality, keeping our water resources safe for you, your family and your pets. To help us manage pet waste, provisions for proper disposal of animal wastes were enacted in both City of Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services Department Ordinance 462.301 and Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Rule 3.707.



SCOOP THE POOP



WHY IS POOP A PROBLEM?

Here in Jacksonville, we love our pets. However, their waste is not suitable for compost or fertilizer. It can carry diseases and bacteria, which are unsafe for humans. When it rains, bacteria from pet waste can wash directly into storm drains and drainage ditches and eventually into our tributaries and the St Johns River. Animal waste contains nutrients that encourage algae blooms that are often seen in the St Johns River and other waterways. Also, when pet wastes get flushed by rain into our waterways, they carry bacteria and other pathogens that could pose risks to people that enjoy recreational water activities like fishing, kayaking, and boating, and risks to other animals, too.

DID YOU KNOW? 72.8 million dogs currently live in the United States. 30,000 tons of waste is collectively produced every day. That's 10 million tons of dog waste produced every year.



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WHY SCOOP?

Unsettling Facts About Dog Waste

- ✓ Dog waste is not fertilizer for your lawn. It can introduce harmful organisms, diseases, and bacteria into soil.
- ✓ Just one gram of dog waste can contain as many as 23 million colonies of fecal coliform bacteria - Yuck!
- ✓ The Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirms that hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms and salmonella can be spread by contact with infected dog waste.
- ✓ Dog fecal matter is a major contributor to stormwater pollution.

