

But dog poop doesn't have to be a problem...

- Carry plastic bags when taking your pet for a walk or a romp in the park.
- Pick up your dog's waste. Use a plastic bag, scoop or disposable gloves. Remember to wash your hands afterward.
- Seal the waste inside a plastic bag (or two) and throw it in the garbage.
- Keep dog poop out of septic systems and sewer systems (they are designed for human waste only).
- Pick up after your dog in your yard every few days—more often if you have small children who play there.

Extra Benefits

Properly disposing of dog poop also helps you:

- Keep pets healthy.
- Make yards and parks safer and more pleasant places to play.
- Keep your and your family's shoes clean.
- Keep out of trouble with local ordinances.
- Support a healthy watershed.



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Serving the community by protecting the environment through education, participation and conservation

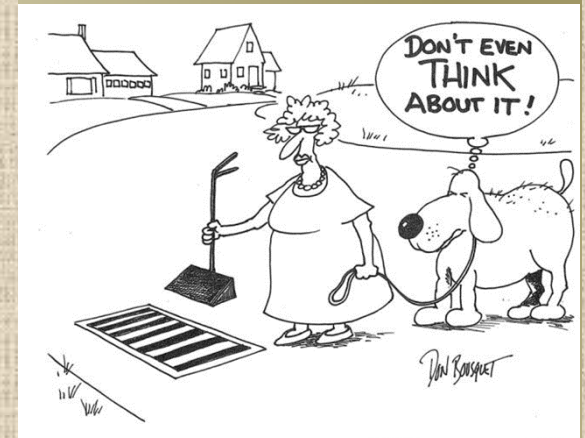
IF IT IS YOUR DOG, then
IT IS **YOUR** DOODY!

City of Winter Springs cares!



Decide to do the right thing...

Picking up dog poop is not just a courtesy!



It is also a POLLUTION SOLUTION!

You can make a positive difference in your community

Scoop the Poop

Clean water is important to all of us. It is up to all of us to make it happen.

In recent years sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, most water pollution comes from cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too.



How does dog poop pollute my City's lakes?

Dog poop is more than just an icky nuisance. It's full of bacteria that can make people sick. And it's a source of water pollution. When it rains, dog poop melts away and runoff carries it to storm drains, ditches and streams that feed our lakes and rivers.

Bacteria from dog poop can end up in fish and shellfish. People who eat those species can get very sick. The bacteria can also make water unsafe to drink or to swim in. Nutrients from dog poop can also feed the growth of aquatic plants and algae. As these decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic life need.

Bag it, Trash it

We can teach our dogs to all kind of things, but so far they cannot take care of their own messes! Pet wastes left on the ground can get you, your kids, your pets, and our waterways sick.

Please pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it in the trash.



When your dog goes on the lawn, remember that it does not just go on the lawn.