

GET THE SCOOP on POOP

Clean Parks, Clean Water, Clean Paws, Clean Shoes



Did You Know:

- ▶ Dog poop can transmit disease to other dogs and to humans.
One ounce of dog feces contains about 23 million microorganisms of bacteria.
- ▶ Leaving it on the ground can spread Salmonella, E. coli, roundworms, hookworms and more to children & adults who share the grass.
Unscoped dog poop washes off into waterways and provides nutrients (pollutants) that may cause algae blooms and fish kills. Stormwater runoff may become your drinking water.
- ▶ Approximately 95% of the fecal coliform found in urban stormwater was nonhuman in origin. Pet waste contributes between 20 to 30% of water pollution in America.
- ▶ Four in ten U.S. households have at least one dog. Pinellas County has approximately 185,000 dogs.
- ▶ Each dog creates between 1/3 to 3/4 pound of excrement per day.
- ▶ Pinellas County dogs generate between 31 and 69 tons of poop per day.
- ▶ Roughly 40% of Americans do not pick up their dog feces. In Pinellas this means 12 - 28 tons of poop per day is left unscoped.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Please clean up after your pet and place waste in a trash receptacle.



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