



Beaver Water District

Quack Sheet



Pet Waste & Water Quality

When pet waste is not disposed of, or is improperly disposed of, it can be collected by stormwater runoff and washed into storm sewer drains or nearby lakes and streams. Since storm sewer systems do not connect to wastewater treatment facilities, untreated animal feces typically flow with runoff directly into a water body source. Pet waste is full of bacteria and can harbor viruses and parasites that pose a threat to the health of humans and wildlife.

You Can Make a Difference

Pet waste management programs are implemented by most communities. Sign posting in parks or other pet-friendly areas is one of the most common public outreach programs. Signs can allocate where dogs are allowed or prohibited and where waste must be picked up. Some communities make the process easy by providing "pet waste stations," supplying waste collection bags and waste receptacles.

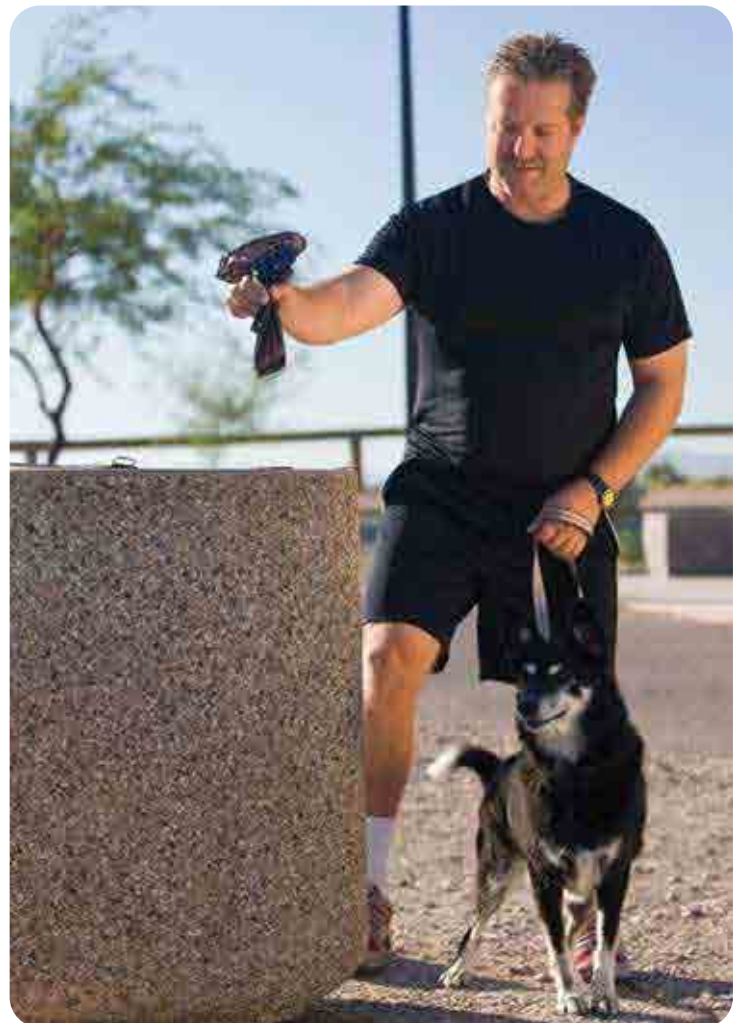
Just Bag It and Trash It!

In Northwest Arkansas, the consensus is "Bag It and Trash It!" When you put the waste in a bag and put it in trash collection to be properly landfilled, then you are protecting water quality! So don't think twice. Just Bag It and Trash It!

More than 53 million dogs in the United States have the potential to produce **6.3 billion pounds** of waste per year! It would take a scoop the size of a football field and 800 feet tall to dispose of that waste!

On top of all that, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 2 days worth of dog waste from about 100 dogs would contribute enough pollution to close a beach, and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it.

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