

The City of Auburn wants to know...

DO YOU SCOOP THE POOP?



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Please remember:

SCOOP IT * DOUBLE BAG IT * PUT IT IN THE TRASH

When walking: **BE PREPARED!**

Picking up after your pet is easy, if you're prepared.

Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk, and you'll have what you need to remove your dog's waste.

Throw it in the nearest trash can, and you're done!

PETS ARE PART OF THE FAMILY.

We all love our pets, however pet waste can contain pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, and parasitic worms which can transmit disease to humans. **Be Prepared: bring a bag when you walk your dog!**



UNWANTED "PETS"

Another down-side to not picking up dog poop in your yard: **rats love it.** They'll come into your yard looking for dog poop, and then your menagerie will grow, because the rats will be very attractive to feral cats, and even snakes.

You can also expect some new airborne "friends," too, since dog poop is the perfect breeding ground for any number of insect species that will bring disease-carrying bacteria into your home. **SCOOP IT!**

PET WASTE AT HOME.

For dogs, cats, and other pets that are meat eaters, it is important to dispose of the waste in the garbage. Wastes from meat eaters should not be placed in a compost pile because of the parasites, bacteria and viruses are not readily destroyed during the composting process and can be passed on to humans.



While it's a common courtesy to pick up after your dog when you go on walks, it's also a good idea to pick up after him at home. Some diseases can be transmitted from pet waste to humans through contact with the soil. **Children playing outside and adults who garden are most at risk.**

If you have large animals, barnyard and manure management is critical to the protection of water resources.

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Remove dog waste as it happens - don't let others step in it! It is your responsibility to scoop the poop:

City of Auburn Ordinance: Sec: 8-72 Disposal of Excrement

All manure and other excrement shall be disposed of in such a manner so as-to prevent it from becoming a public nuisance or health hazard. With regard to dogs on public or private property, other than the owner's, the owner shall be responsible for the immediate removal of excrement.

IS IT REALLY A PROBLEM? I DON'T LIVE NEAR THE WATER.

It may not be apparent - especially if you don't live next to a body of water - but your pet's waste affects the water quality of lakes, streams and marine waters in our area. To understand the connection, its helpful to understand how the storm water runoff works.

Catch basins, man holes and grass ditches collect water runoff and direct it to the closest body of water.

Typically, **storm water never passes through a sanitary sewer treatment facility.** In other words, anything on the ground, no matter how far away from the storm water drain, can eventually end up in a nearby water way.

Do not flush pet waste!

Septic systems and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat pet waste.

Do not compost pet waste! The disease-causing organisms in pet waste are very sturdy and are not killed by backyard composting.

