

Get the Scoop.....

On Pet Waste



Dos and Don'ts

- **Don't leave or discard** on yours, or anyone else's property. Pathogens are dangerous to kids and adults enjoying the lawn, wooded areas, parks, cemeteries, or the bike path. Be especially mindful in Belpre's well field area in the Civitan Park area to protect the City's drinking water supply.
- **Don't toss onto a garden.** It can contaminate anything edible growing in your garden.
- **Don't flush** down your toilet. Your septic system or the City Waste Water Treatment Plant is not designed to treat it.
- **Don't add to compost.** The compost won't generate enough heat to kill the pathogens.
- **Don't leave near a curb or anywhere near the storm drain system.** This adds harmful bacteria to our streams and rivers.
- **Do pick up after your pet.** Bag and place the waste into your household trash.

Why is proper disposal important?

Here's how it works.....

- Your pet "goes" on the grass.
- That waste contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people.
- When it rains or storms, the waste gets washed into the streets and flows down the storm drains into area streams and rivers where people may come into contact with it.

Facts.....

- Dog waste contains twice as many harmful pathogens as human waste & can cause diseases such as giardiasis & salmonella.
- Dog waste can contain hookworms, roundworms & other parasites that can transfer to humans simply by walking barefoot near the waste.
- There are over 650 licensed dogs within the City of Belpre.
- The average dog creates a 1/2 of pound of waste per day. That's over 325 lbs. of dog waste per day in the City!!
- City Ordinance 505.01 prohibits leaving pet waste on the ground—even on your own lawn. This includes dog, cat or other domestic animal waste.
- Signs are posted throughout the city as a reminder to clean up after your pet.

It's the Law

- **Ordinance 505.01 (d)** No person owning or having custody of any dog or any other animal shall permit said dog or any animal to defecate on any school ground, public street, alley, sidewalk, tree bank, park or any other public grounds or any private property within the City, other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of said dog or other animal, unless said defecation is removed immediately.
- **Ordinance 505.01 (e)** No person being the owner or person in charge or control of any animal shall permit the accumulation of feces upon the property where the animal is kept. The owner or person in charge or control of the animal shall maintain the property by the regular removal of the feces in a properly sealed sanitary receptacle.
- Whoever violates the above subsections is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for each subsequent offense.

Report Violations.....

- For private or public property please call 740-423-7592 for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Storm Water Protection.....

- Proper disposal will help to keep storm water runoff cleaner.
- Questions on storm water matters?: Washington Soil and Water Conservation District, Kathy Davis (740) 373-7113 x 229
- Storm drain markers remind us that storm water runoff flow untreated into streams & rivers.



For more Information:

Washington Soil and Water
Conservation District
740-373-7113 x 229



Scoop It, Bag It, Trash It