

## Did You Know...?

- 1 gram of your dog's waste contains 23 Million fecal coli form bacteria.
- Claremont's dogs produce 2,800 pounds of poop **daily!**



Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy; it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do for you and your family.

## You Can Make A Difference!

Cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your next walk.

### **Put it in the trash**

Put pet waste in a bag, preferably biodegradable, seal the bag and then put it into the trash.

### **Flush it down the toilet**

The water from your toilet goes to a septic system or sewage treatment plant that removes most pollutants.

### **Bury it in the ground**

Not ideal, but better than leaving it on top of the ground. Dig a 5" hole that's a good distance from vegetable gardens and any bodies of water, streams, ditches or wells. (Keeping pet waste away from gardens and water supplies helps to prevent disease.) Don't add pet waste to your compost pile. Dog waste is not the same as cow manure. Your compost pile will not get hot enough to kill the disease organisms in pet waste.

## Here's How YOU Can Help!

City of Claremont Ordinance **516, Section 4-34** requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. Owners must remove their pet's waste from city owned properties and dispose of it as it is a public nuisance. While walking your pets anywhere in the City, bring a bag or pooper scooper along. To prevent water pollution, pay special attention when walking near wells, ditches, storm drains, and waterways.

## **\$ Fines \$**

Fines of **\$25** for the first offense and **\$100** for the second or subsequent offense will be charged if you do not comply.



## Are You At Risk?

Pets, children and adults who play outside (your backyard, sports fields, playgrounds) and those who garden are most at risk for infection from bacteria and parasites in pet waste. Flies can also spread diseases from animal waste.

**Diseases or parasites that can be transmitted include:**

**Campylobacteriosis** – frequently causes diarrhea in humans.

**Hookworms** – infective larvae can penetrate the skin of dogs, cats or people. In humans, it causes an itchy skin condition.

**Toxocariasis** – may cause vision loss, a rash, fever or cough.

**Toxoplasmosis** – symptoms include headache, muscle aches and lymph node enlargement. Also known to cause birth defects if a pregnant woman is infected.



For more information contact the  
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&  
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