

Clean Water.



Clean Yards.



Clean Shoes.

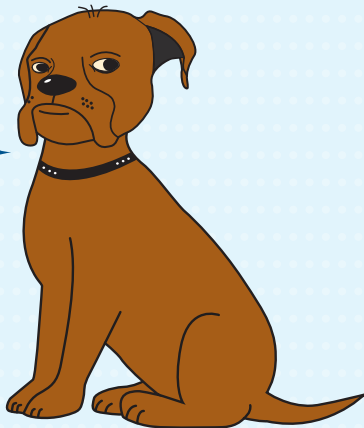


Grover the Dog says...

So, here is how it works. You take a dog — like me — out for a walk and I poop on the grass or the street. My poop contains bacteria and viruses, and now it's a health risk to people and other pets. When it rains or storms, the poop is carried with surface water into storm drains or ditches, and eventually enters our streams, rivers, and lakes where people may come into contact with it.

We play in these waters, and drink it also. If you think picking up dog poop is unpleasant, try drinking it.

Pet waste makes me grouchy!



I, too, have yard standards. Who needs all of the trouble that dog poop left in the yard can bring?

Did you know...?

One pound of dog poop can contain 10,000,000,000 fecal coliform bacteria.

Eww!

Yeah, it also:

- Increases loading of nitrogen and phosphorus that can lead to increased weed and algal growth in the river
- Increases organic matter that can reduce oxygen levels for fish and other aquatic animals, when it decays
- Increases loading of bacteria and pathogens that can make people and other pets sick

Eww. Eww. Eww...and double Eww!

Scoop the Poop.

I've never stepped in it, but I have the reflexes of a ninja. I've seen humans do it, and I have to laugh as they try to scrape it off their shoes. It's another reason pet waste is gross. Who has time to deal with a grumpy owner and their dirty shoes? If I'm going to be forced to fetch their slippers, they had better be clean slippers!

How can you get rid of pet waste and help keep our waters clean?

Here are some options:

- **SCOOP** it up and flush it down the toilet. That's best because then your community sewage treatment plant or your septic system treats the pet waste.
- **SEAL** the waste in a plastic bag and throw it in the garbage.
- **BURY** small quantities in several locations in your yard, away from vegetable gardens, where it can decompose slowly. Dig a hole 12 inches deep, deposit up to four inches of waste, and cover it with at least eight inches of soil.

Help us keep our water,
yards, and shoes clean by
Scooping the Poop!



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Scoop the Poop!

*Remember, when we go on
the lawn, it doesn't just go
on the lawn.*