Killeen Guide for... Pet Waste

Do the Right Thing

Pet waste is not only smelly and unsightly, but it is a health risk to pets and people, and creates water quality issues too.

Health Risk

- Pet waste can put your health, your pet's health and your children's health at risk, as it may contain diseases or parasites.

- Children playing in the yard or adults gardening can be exposed to those diseases or parasites.

- Parvovirus is serious and highly contagious, it can cause diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, depression and even the death of your pet.

- Dogs may carry the virus without showing signs, and the virus can remain infectious on the ground for six months or longer.
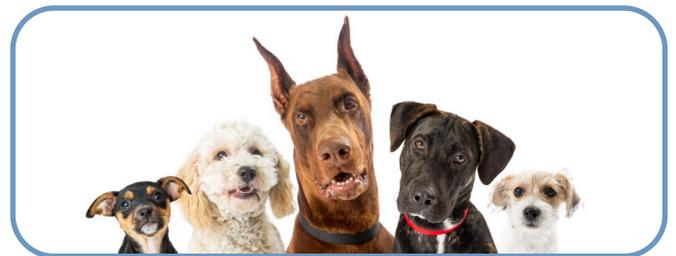

Water Quality Issues

- It is important to properly dispose of pet waste as rain and yard watering can wash pet waste into storm inlets leading to creeks, rivers, streams and lakes.

- Pet waste can cause many problems when it reaches our waterways, including gastrointestinal problems, skin reactions and making water unsafe for swimming and fishing.

- Pet waste decreases oxygen in the water and sometimes releases ammonia, causing fish to die.

- It also causes weeds and algae growth, making water cloudy and green.

Tips for Dealing with Pet Waste

- Flush it. Pick up waste with a pooper scooper flush the waste down the toilet.

- Toss it. Collect the waste in a plastic bag, tie the end securely, and toss it in your trash can.

- Bury it. Scoop the waste and bury it at least six inches in the ground and away from gardens and water sources.

- Attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash so that you can always carry a supply of baggies.

- Clean up droppings around the yard at least once a week. Either flush them down the toilet, or dispose of them in a secured baggie in the trash can.

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