Pet Waste Bag Container Refills

You can find refills for your pet waste bag container at most national chain pet stores.

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Join our dog-pals above to help protect water quality at your local dog park. ALWAYS SCOOP THE POOP!

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Pet Waste is Pollution!

Scoop the Poop!

Pet waste is biodegradable, so what's the problem? Pet waste contains bacteria that can cause illness. When pet waste is not picked up, rain and sprinkler runoff carry the bacteria across lawns, into streets and gutters, down storm drains, and into our local creeks. Remember, water in storm drains is not treated to remove bacteria harmful to people and the environment.

When walking your dog, always carry a pooper scooper or plastic bag with you -- and pick up after your pet! Animal Care and Control codes require that waste be disposed of properly. Dispose of pet waste by putting it in the trash.

Studies in Washington DC have determined that 12,000 dogs living in the city produce more than 5,000 pounds of solid waste per day. More than 44.8 million households in the United States own at least one dog.

If you take your dog for a walk, PLEASE scoop the poop. It's the neighborly thing to do and it's in the rules and regulations. Let's all be good neighbors and Scoop the Poop!

Pick up after your pet

On a walk:
When walking your dog, always carry a pooper scooper or plastic bag with you to pick up your pet’s waste. It is a neighborhood nuisance that can wash into gutters and storm drains carrying dangerous diseases into our waterways.

Properly dispose of pet waste by flushing it down the toilet or placing it in the trash.

Picking up after your pet while out on a walk ensures that waste will not wash into catch basins that drain to creeks.

Plastic grocery and vegetable bags work well. Place your hand in the bag, pick up the waste, then turn the bag inside out. Commercial “scoopers” can also be purchased to make proper disposal of pet waste even easier. Check pet stores and catalogs. Dogs can be trained to "take care of business" at the beginning of a walk so you can dispose of the waste right away.

Remember, it is illegal to not pick up your dog's waste.

At Home:

Pet owners have many different ways of cleaning up after their pets at home. Here are a few that are creek friendly:

Smaller quantities of pet waste can be left to decompose slowly on permeable surfaces.

Larger amounts should be scooped and placed in the trash. One method suggested for this is to place a plastic bag in a 5-gallon trash can with a lid. When you pick up dog droppings in your yard, put them in that trash can, then cover them with a sprinkling of powdered lime (available at building supply stores) and close the lid.

Each time you clean up the yard and add droppings to the container, add more lime. When the container is full, tie the bag closed and put it in your regular trash container.