The Poop Problem

Dog poop spreads diseases to people and pets.

Rain washes poop into ditches and drains that flow into waterways.

~ 169,900 dogs in Snohomish County

>135 trillion harmful fecal bacteria

= 127,440 lbs of poop every day

Dog poop can harbor E. coli, giardia, parvovirus, worms, and other pathogens.

When high levels of fecal bacteria are detected, shellfish beds are closed to harvesting and waterways become unsafe for swimming or fishing.

Pet waste kits are available at Everett Public Works to educate the public about the importance of picking up pet waste. Kit includes:

- Educational brochure
- Portable dog bag holder
- Trash receptacle sticker
Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash.

**At home**, scoop at least weekly, especially before it rains. Unseen bacterial pathogens can be tracked indoors on **paws, shoes**, and **flies**. Some pathogens can **survive in your yard** for weeks or **years**.

**On walks**, bring extra bags, scoop every time, and throw it in the trash. Be prepared. Always keep **bags and a flashlight** on your leash. **Watch closely** when dogs are **off leash**. Scoop even in tall brush.

Veterinarians and waste haulers agree: the **trash is the safest place** to dispose of pet waste.

**Good human.**

Healthy families. **Healthy pets.** **Clean shoes.**

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