

The Poop Problem

Dog poop spreads diseases to people and pets.

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



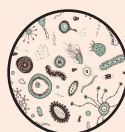
~ 169,900 dogs
in Snohomish County

>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

The Poop Solution

**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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