

# Pet Waste Pollution



*Pet waste left on the ground spreads diseases and washes into our creeks.*



*Scoop the Poop*  
*Every Stinkin' Time.*



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## ***When your Dog goes on your Lawn, it doesn't Just Go on your Lawn***

When your dog goes on your lawn, sidewalks, or in parks, rain water will wash the pet waste and its bacteria into Sweetwater County's storm drains and ditches. Once pet waste is washed down storm drains, it pollutes our streams, rivers and lakes making them unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities. Pet waste is a nuisance in neighborhoods and parks that smells and can make children and other dogs sick. Additionally, dog waste is a health risk full of bacteria that can make you sick. Dog droppings are a leading cause of *E.coli* pollution in our local waters. A single dog generates an average 276 pounds of waste a year!



Everyone can do small things to help clean our water. These individual actions add up to a pollution solution. So, remember to Scoop the Poop. Grab it, bag it and toss it into the trash. Remember, there is no poop fairy – it's up to you to clean up after your pet and help keep our waters clean.

### **DOG WASTE CAN BE COMPOSTED!**

It is a great source of organic matter that can be added to your garden or potted plants. Composting that is done properly on-site eliminates transportation of dog waste to a disposal facility, which saves time, energy, money and space at landfills.

Contact us for more information on safely composting your pet's waste.

Dog feces are common carriers of:  
**Heartworms**  
**Whipworms**  
**Hookworms**  
**Roundworms**  
**Tapeworms**  
**Parvovirus**  
**Giardia**  
**Salmonella**  
**E. coli**



### **DOGIE DEPOSITS**

America's overlooked environmental pollutant

We love our dogs, except when it comes to dealing with the waste they leave behind. This Earth Day, remember to pick up after your pets. Every scoop makes a difference.

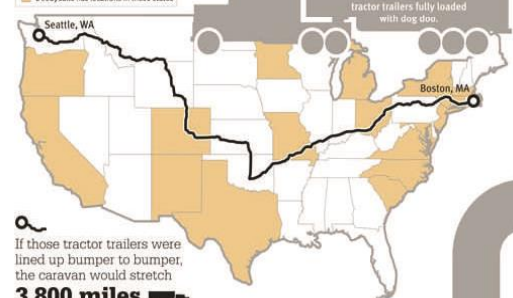
**78.2 million dogs** currently live in the United States

Collectively depositing **30,000 tons** of waste every day.

**10 million tons** of waste every year.

That's the equivalent of **267,500** tractor trailers fully loaded with dog doo.

DoodyCalls has locations in these states



If those tractor trailers were lined up bumper to bumper, the caravan would stretch **3,800 miles**