

THE POOP PROBLEM

It's simple: Dog poop is pollution. It spreads diseases to people and pets.



Rain washes poop left on the ground into ditches and drains and into our waterways.

The poo-lluted water makes its way downstream into creeks, rivers, and eventually Puget Sound.



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

~1,700 DOGS
in Poverty Bay



= 430
pounds
of poop
every day!

> 3
TRILLION
fecal bacteria



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

THE POOP SOLUTION


It's also simple: Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash.

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



At home, scoop at least weekly, ideally daily, and especially before it rains.



Germs and parasites you can't see can be tracked indoors on **paws, shoes, bare feet, and flies!** 



On walks, scoop every time and make sure the bag makes it to the trash.

Be prepared. Always carry **extra bags** and **keep a flashlight** near your leash.



Watch closely when dogs are off leash. Scoop even in tall brush.



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