

Get the Scoop.....

On Pet Poop

Dos and Don'ts

- **Don't leave or discard** on yours, or anyone else's property. Pathogens are dangerous to kids and adults enjoying the lawn, wooded areas, parks, or cemeteries. Be especially mindful of areas next to waterbodies or a drinking water source.
- **Don't toss onto a garden.** It can contaminate anything edible growing in your garden.
- **Don't flush** down your toilet. Your septic system or the City Waste Water Treatment Plant is not designed to treat it.
- **Don't add to compost.** The compost won't generate enough heat to kill the pathogens.
- **Don't leave near a curb or anywhere near the storm drain system.** This adds harmful bacteria to our streams and rivers.
- **Do pick up after your pet.** Bag and place the waste into your household trash.

Why is proper disposal important?

Here's how it works.....

- Your pet "goes" on the grass.
- That waste contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people.
- When it rains or storms, the waste gets washed into the streets and flows down the storm drains into area streams and rivers where people may come into contact with it.

Facts.....

- Dog waste contains twice as many harmful pathogens as human waste & can cause diseases such as giardiasis & salmonella.
- Dog waste can contain hookworms, roundworms & other parasites that can transfer to humans simply by walking barefoot near the waste.
- The average dog creates 1/2 lb. of waste per day. There are over 10,000 licensed dogs in Washington County alone. That's 5000 lbs. per day in the county!
- The Cities of Belpre and Marietta have ordinances concerning pet waste. This includes dog, cat, or other domestic animal waste.
- Signs are posted throughout the Cities of Belpre and Marietta as a reminder to clean up after your pet.
- Need a place for your pooch to run? Try the Marietta Dog Park at 1201 Cisler Dr. located in Jackson Park.



Scoop It, Bag It, Trash It