

**Why is proper
disposal important?**

This is 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 drain into area streams and rivers where people may come into contact with it.



**STORM DRAIN MARKERS REMIND US THAT
STORMWATER RUNOFF GOES DIRECTLY TO STREAMS**

Scoop It, Bag It, Trash It

For more Information:

www.cityofbelpre.com
www.mariettaohio.gov

or call

Washington Soil & Water
Conservation
740-885-3312



Get the Scoop **On Pet Poop**

Guidelines *for* Pet Owners



City of
Marietta





Pet Waste Facts

- Contains twice as many pathogens as human waste.
- Can contain hookworms, roundworms, & other parasites.
- Can cause giardiasis & salmonella.
- Can transfer to humans by walking barefoot near the waste.
- Why is pet waste so harmful? Because pets eat a very high protein diet.
- Licensed dogs:
 - over 1000 in Marietta
 - over 700 in Belpre
 - over 5000 in Washington Co.
- The average dog creates 1/2 lb. of waste per day. Do the math, that's a lot of harmful waste.
- City Ordinances:
Prohibit leaving it on public property or the property of others. You may not let it accumulate on your own property.
 - Belpre 505.01(d) (e)
 - Marietta 920.03
- Signs are posted in the Cities of Belpre & Marietta as a reminder to clean up after your pet.

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Disposal

Pet Waste

- **Be Courteous, Be Safe -**
 - Never leave on the property of others or public property.
 - Check with your city or village on regulations.
 - Scoop it , Bag it, Trash it, or bury 12 inches.
- **Never Flush it -**
 - Septic Systems / Public Treatment Facilities are not designed to handle it.
- **Don't add to compost -**
 - The compost won't generate enough heat to kill the pathogens.
- **Don't toss onto a garden -**
 - It can contaminate produce.
- **Don't leave near a stormwater basin, ditch, stream, or well field -**
 - Adds harmful bacteria to our streams & rivers during rain events.
 - Could contaminate drinking water supplies through ground water.
- **Report violations -**
For Belpre & Marietta residents:
 - ⇒ *For Belpre property contact Code Enforcement 740-423-4592*
 - ⇒ *For Marietta property contact Safety Service Director 740-373-1387*

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