

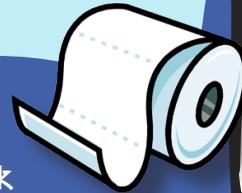
# How?

We are often asked by concerned residents what they can do in their own community to encourage neighbors to “doo” the right thing. In response, we’ve developed some resources for you, including:

- “Please Scoop” signs for your neighborhood
- “We Scoop!” stickers for trash cans to show how many people are on the bandwagon
- Instructions on how to build your own public bag dispenser
- “Please Scoop!” signs for your lawn
- Free presentations
- Posters and handouts
- Incentives such as poop scoops, clip-on bag dispensers, and bag holders (for after the fact)

To see a complete list of available materials, please visit [www.CleanWaterDogs.com](http://www.CleanWaterDogs.com).

To request any of these items, please call (360) 397-2121 ext. 4110, or email [cleanwaterdogs@clark.wa.gov](mailto:cleanwaterdogs@clark.wa.gov).



**Yucky fact #364:** There are more than 109,000 dogs in Clark County. If no one picked up their poo, that would be like a city of about 28,000 people all using their back yards as their bathrooms!

## What about your neighborhood?

It may be easier than you think to clean up the problem of pet waste in your neighborhood.

By connecting with motivated neighbors you can help your community understand that scooping the poo helps keep your neighborhood and streams clean and healthy.

In fact, we’ve found that many people don’t make the connection between poo on the ground and the impact on local water resources – just explaining this may be enough to convert some people.



Do you find dog poo left in your yard by mystery offenders? Request a free “Please Scoop!” lawn sign at [www.cleanwaterdogs.com](http://www.cleanwaterdogs.com).



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(360) 397-2121 ext. 4345  
[www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources](http://www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources)  
[www.cleanwaterdogs.com](http://www.cleanwaterdogs.com)

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office: Voice (360) 397-2000; Relay 711 or (800) 833-6388; Fax (360) 397-6165; E-mail [ADA@clark.wa.gov](mailto:ADA@clark.wa.gov).

# Is Pet Poo a Problem in Your Neighborhood?

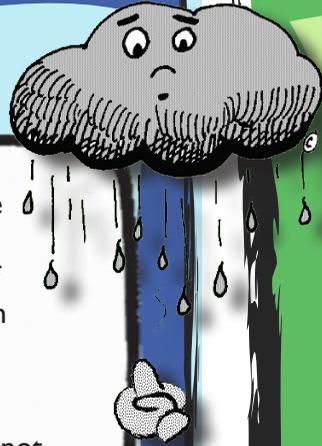
Want to help educate your neighbors...

but not feeling on the ball?

Let us throw you a bone!



# Why?



Dog waste left on the ground is more than just a yucky mess. Bacteria and nutrients can be carried in rain runoff to local streams, where they can harm wildlife and pollute water resources.

By talking to your neighbors about cleaning up after their canines, you're not just protecting your lawn and shoes - you're protecting the environment!

In addition, we know that abandoned dog poo can be a major strain on neighborhood relations. By taking the initiative to resolve this problem, you'll be helping to keep the peace in your community - and making it easier for others to speak up, too!

# Who?

It's up to all of us to keep our neighborhoods and our natural areas clean and healthy. Whether you are a dog owner or not, it really is up to you to help.

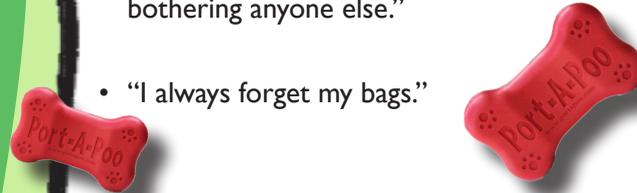
**The Neighbors for Clean Water program can equip you with tools to help us spread the word - and help you lead your neighborhood towards a cleaner, healthier environment for kids, pets, and wildlife.**

# Ifs, ands, and buts...

Some dog owners may not understand the importance of picking up after their pet. If you want to help spread the clean water message, here's some pointers for you.

## If a dog owner says this.....try saying this.

- "It's natural - it will just decompose into the soil," or "It's in my own yard - it's not bothering anyone else."
- "I always forget my bags."
- "Other people don't do it either."
- "I don't want to carry it around with me. That's so yucky."
- "But my dog's so small," "How can one dog do any harm," "People never used to think about picking up dog poop," and many other reasons.



- "But in the meantime it leaves a mess that people and dogs can step in, and it's a health hazard to kids and pets. Plus, rain runoff carries bacteria into streams and rivers."
- "Tying some onto your leash can help you remember them." (Visit [cleanwaterdogs.com](http://cleanwaterdogs.com) for info on FREE bag dispensers.)
- "Doing the right thing sets a good example for others to follow."
- "There are many products you can get to help eliminate that yucky factor (visit [www.cleanwaterdogs.com](http://www.cleanwaterdogs.com) for info on FREE products)!"
- "With as many dogs as there are in our neighborhood, everyone has to do their own part. The health of people and the environment depends on it!"



## Options to consider...

If pet waste is a problem in your neighborhood, consider discussing it at a neighborhood meeting. There may be other residents who are interested in helping distribute information to neighbors.

Another option is to print an article or an ongoing message in your neighborhood association's newsletter. Be sure to include the Neighbors for Clean Water web site to help guide people to more facts and resources.

## We're here for you.

The Canines for Clean Water program has materials for residents of Clark County interested in bringing pet-waste education to their communities.

Please visit [www.CleanWaterDogs.com](http://www.CleanWaterDogs.com) and click on "Neighbors for Clean Water" for information about free, helpful resources: "Please Scoop" yard signs, instructions for building simple curbside bag dispensers, and more. *Quantities limited; one per household on some items.*