



**Dogs Are Good  
Citizens Too!**



**Your dog can't help it,  
but you can!**

**Here are some tips  
on how to help your  
dog be a great dog!**



**City of Plano  
Storm Water  
Management Program**

**PICK UP AFTER  
YOUR POOCHI!**



**WHY?**

Because dog excrement contains bacteria and can harbor diseases, many populations of animals downstream are affected when they drink and swim in contaminated water.

The humans most susceptible to these diseases are children. Viruses deposited in pet waste can linger in the grass and soil for months or years, so it's important to get waste picked up anywhere children will be playing.

Removal of pet waste is also required under the Plano Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Animal Regulations, Public Nuisances, Section 4-24 (c). In other words, it's the law!

**DIDYOU KNOW?**

A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.

*Pet waste that's not picked up washes into the storm drain, which feeds straight into the nearest creek. These waterways flow to water sources like Lake Ray Hubbard, Lake Lavon, and Lake Lewisville.*

*We all live downstream of someone, so bacteria accumulations can hurt not just our community, but many others as it travels from our yards and parks to those downstream.*



**Help keep our creeks  
clean and safe!**



## DOGGIE-DOO FACT OR MYTH?

### 1. *It's fertilizer!*

**Myth!** Dog waste not only contains bacteria and potentially dangerous diseases, it's also high in nitrogen and phosphorus, leaving those familiar burn marks on your lawn. Like your lawn, those chemicals are bad news for creeks.

### 2. *A little bit never hurt anything.*

**Myth!** It's estimated that the City of Plano is home to over 47,000 dogs. With the average dog producing 5.25 pounds of waste per week, that amounts to nearly 13 million pounds of waste per year! That's a lot of doggie doo!

### 3. *Nobody else picks up after their dog, so it doesn't matter if I do or not.*

**Myth!** Studies show that seeing others go out of their way to pick up after their dog creates an environment of responsibility. After all, no one wants to be labeled "the guy (or girl) that doesn't pick up after his dog"!

No doubt about it,  
canines enrich our lives.  
It's up to us to make sure  
they're not contributing to  
environmental pollution.



Here are some steps you can take to make sure your dog is a good citizen:

#### Do:

- ◆ Flush dog-doo down the toilet
- ◆ Throw it in the trash
- ◆ Purchase an underground pet waste digester—like having a septic system just for Fido!

#### Don't:

- ◆ Flush rocks, sticks, or litter down the toilet, as they may cause plumbing problems
- ◆ Place pet waste in a compost pile. The pile will harbor bacteria and disease.



**To report illegal dumping into the storm sewer or creek system, call our storm water hot line at 972.941.7184.**

**After hours call 911.**



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