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Why do I need to pick up after my dog?

- Abandoned pet waste contains a host of diseases and/or parasites, which can infect other **dogs** or be transmitted to people who might step in it and track it home.
- Rain and garden runoff washes pet waste into the San Francisco Bay or Pacific Ocean, creating public health issues.
- **It is the law!** Just like littering, it is unlawful NOT to pick up after your dog and is subject to fine. The law requires that you must always pick up after your dog and carry “a suitable instrument” to do so whenever you walk your dog:
- **7.2 Health Code Sec. 40** - Dog to be controlled so as not to commit nuisances...



Give your dog a hand in preventing stormwater pollution by following these easy to remember steps when walking your dog:

- **ALWAYS** pick up after your dog! **There are over 120,000 dogs in San Francisco**, and each one poops once or twice a day... you do the math!
- Look for and use **free** pet waste bags available in dispensers at local parks.
- **Carry extra bags** when walking your dog and encourage other dog owners to clean up after their pets, as well.
- **Teach your children** how to properly clean up and dispose of pet waste.

Your actions set an example for others. When you pick up after your dog, you are helping the environment. Thank you for doing your part and disposing of pet waste properly!

For more information, learn about our Water Pollution Prevention Program on this website or call 415-695-7378.



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