

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Pet Waste

Pet waste left on lawns, sidewalks and parks can be picked up by rain and irrigation water and swept into the Los Angeles County storm drain system. This polluted water flows untreated into the San Gabriel River and eventually into the ocean, contaminating our waterways and making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to help prevent pollution and protect the health of your family and community.



What is Wrong With Pet Waste?

Pet waste, especially dog waste, is a major pollutant and contaminant of water supplies. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency views pet waste a serious source pollution and has placed it in the same category of "nonpoint source pollution" as oil and toxic chemicals.

Pet waste left on the streets, lawns and parks is a serious community health concern. A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause a variety of illnesses and disorders in humans.

Some sources estimate that 1/3 of all water contamination is a result of dog waste entering streams and leaching into underground well water. The average dog can produce 274 pounds of waste each year. Disease from dog waste may spread to other dogs, children, and adults.



Walking Your Dog: Pet Waste Pick Up Ordinance

The City would like remind pet owners to be courteous and pick up after your pet while walking your dog or animal on City sidewalks, trails, parks or other open spaces. There is an Animal Nuisance Ordinance in Los Angeles County Code (Title 10 Animals, Chapter 10.40.060, B.) which requires that owners pick up and properly dispose of their pet's waste from all public spaces and walking areas for sanitary and health reasons.

To help promote clean up, the City has installed pet waste stations at City parks. These stations provide not only Zero-Waste biodegradable bags with which to pick up your pet's waste, they also provide a sealed container in which to dispose of the waste.



Disposing of Pet Waste

All pet waste should be placed in your regular trash/refuse container, preferable in a bag.

Never put dog or animal waste into the green waste container. This will contaminate the entire container, and possible the entire truck load of green waste, which then cannot be reused and must go into a landfill.



Help Keep Our Parks Clean

It is for your health as well as for entire community.



For specific questions on storm water pollution prevention, contact:

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To report illegal dumping or for general storm water pollution prevention information, contact:

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