

THE POOP PROBLEM

It's simple: Dog poop is pollution. It spreads diseases to people and pets.



Rain washes poop left on the ground into ditches and drains and into our waterways.

The poo-lluted water makes its way downstream into creeks, rivers, and eventually Puget Sound.



When high levels of fecal bacteria are detected, **shellfish beds are closed** to harvesting and waterways become **unsafe for swimming or fishing**.

~1,700 DOGS
in Poverty Bay

**> 3
TRILLION**

fecal bacteria



**= 430
pounds
of poop
every day!**



Dog poop can contain **E.coli, giardia, parvovirus, worms** and other pathogens.

THE POOP SOLUTION

It's also simple: Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash.

Veterinarians and waste haulers agree:

the trash is the safest place to dispose of pet waste.



At home, scoop at least weekly, ideally daily, and especially before it rains.

Germs and parasites you can't see can be tracked indoors on **paws, shoes, bare feet, and flies!**



On walks, scoop every time and make sure the bag makes it to the trash.

Be prepared. Always carry **extra bags** and **keep a flashlight** near your leash.



Watch closely when dogs are off leash. Scoop even in tall brush.



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