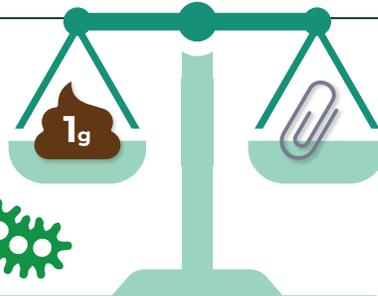


Why Scoop That Poop?



44% of Frederick County residents surveyed do not see pet waste as a significant problem, but dog waste is the #3 cause of water pollution. In 1991, the EPA deemed dog waste to be as toxic as oil spills.



There are **23 million** fecal bacteria in 1 gram of pet waste which is equivalent to the weight of a paper clip.



Common myth — dog waste is as effective of a fertilizer as cow or horse manure, when it is actually more toxic. Due to their high-protein diet, dog waste is highly acidic and can burn your grass creating brown patches.



Two or three days worth of droppings from 100 dogs contributes enough bacteria to close a bay and its watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.



110,000 lbs. of pet waste are left on Frederick County streets, yards and sidewalks every year.

500 Million Tons

of waste per year created by 4 million dogs in the Chesapeake Bay is enough to fill 15,000 tractor trailers.



Things That You Can Do

When walking your pet, always carry disposable bags with you and deposit the pet waste in a trash can or at a pet waste station.

If your dog is trained to go in your backyard, make sure to take steps to pick up the waste during dry weather periods, before the next rainfall to reduce the amount of bacteria and nutrients reaching our local waters.



Properly disposing of pet waste can earn you **5 POINTS** in the **Green Homes Challenge – Green Leader Challenge!**

Visit [FrederickGreenChallenge.org](https://www.FrederickGreenChallenge.org) to get started and earn your points!

Scan here using your phone for maps of County parks that have pet waste stations.

