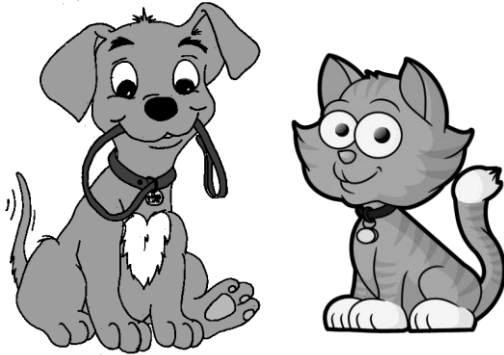


City of Nelsonville

Pet Waste Etiquette



Cleaning up after your pet is as easy
as 1 – 2 - 3:

1. Bring a bag.
2. Clean it up.
3. Dispose of waste.

Prompt and Proper Disposal

Whether in your yard or on a walk, promptly dispose of your pet's waste in the trash or down the toilet where it will be properly treated.

When pet waste is left behind, it washes into storm drains and ditches. From there it heads straight to your local lakes and rivers taking harmful bacteria with it.



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FACTS ABOUT PET WASTE

- Pet waste does not go away by fertilizing the grass. Bacteria are washed down the drains and into ditches.
- Waste from one large dog can contain 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria.
- Pets, children playing outside, and adults gardening are most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.
- Pet waste carries diseases and bacteria which are unsafe for humans. Some of the diseases that can spread from pet waste include:
 - ***Salmonellosis***: Most common bacterial infection transmitted from animals to humans. Symptoms include headache, fever, muscle ache, vomiting, and diarrhea.
 - ***Campylobacteriosis***: Bacterial infection. Symptoms include diarrhea in humans.
 - ***Toxocaris***: Roundworms transmitted from animals to humans. Symptoms include fever, rash, vision loss, and cough.

PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL WHEN WALKING

- Bring a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog.
- Use a bag to pick up the dog waste. Using the bag like a glove, you can pick up the waste, turn the bag inside out around the waste and seal or tie the bag. You can also bring a scooper or shovel.
- Place the bag in the trash.
- Pay attention to signs.



PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL IN THE YARD

- Pick up waste from your yard. It is not fertilizer.
- Flush it down the toilet so it can be treated in the treatment plant.
- Alternatively, seal securely in a bag and place bag in the trash.
- You may bury un-bagged pet waste in the yard at least 6 inches in the ground, away from vegetable gardens and waterways.
- Provide covered kitty litters for outdoor cats. Don't flush used kitty litter down the toilet, as it can clog the sewer system.

The City of Nelsonville ordinances require pet owners to clean up pet waste. Failure to clean up pet waste could result in a fine of up to \$150.