



The Facts About Doo

Pet Butler does more than simply make yards and other spaces more attractive for their customers. Dog droppings are a significant factor in the contamination of many public water supplies, and proper disposal is important, making a pet waste cleanup service as important in terms of sanitation as it is esthetically.

Because the average dog “does his business” 23 times per week, this creates a veritable mountain of poop in urban and suburban areas. Beyond being simply a nuisance, the droppings can be a health hazard. Many common parasites, such as roundworm, are transmitted via dog feces, and when infected dog droppings are left on the ground, the eggs of these parasites can linger in the soil for years. This can affect not only other dogs, but anyone who comes in contact with the soil.

Dog waste also contains organic matter and nutrients, notably nitrogen and phosphorus. When it is washed into a creek, river, or pond, the waste decays, a process that uses up dissolved oxygen in the water and releases ammonia. These low oxygen levels and increased ammonia, when combined with warm summer water temperatures, can kill fish. It also produces unpleasant odors.

Too many individuals, looking to get rid of the dog waste quickly, will throw it into a street storm water catch basin, which is the single worst place for it. As soon as the next rainstorm comes, the accumulated waste is transported straight to the nearby receiving waterway, polluting it.

Many communities, in an effort to contain and control the dog waste problem, have “pooper-scooper” laws. Some laws specifically require anyone who walks their animal off their property to carry a bag, shovel, or scooper and clean up any waste left by their dog immediately. This is especially important along any walking trails near streams or lakes.

As dog parks continue to grow in popularity, along with pet-friendly apartment and condominium communities, the waste problem multiplies, and affects everyone. That is why Pet Butler serves multifamily communities and city park districts as well as individual homeowners across the country.