

# SCOOP THE POOP

## WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT DOG WASTE?

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria, parasites, and nutrients that do not belong in surface waters and can be harmful to humans as well as other pets and wildlife. Rain and melting snow carry these pollutants from yards and park areas to local creeks, ponds, and lakes. Bacteria and other parasites found in pet waste, such as Salmonella, Giardia, and Roundworms, can survive for long periods when left on the ground. Reducing the amount of pet waste that ends up in our local surface waters will help improve water quality by decreasing the amount of nutrients that algae thrive on.

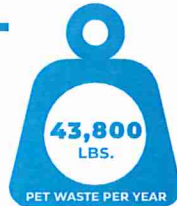
No matter how cute your dog is, it is contributing to the pollution problem if you are not actively on dog 'doo-dy'. Dog owners can easily and economically manage dog waste by cleaning up after your dog. By doing so, you help keep our waters safe and aesthetically pleasing.

### DID YOU KNOW

One 40 lb. dog generates

**0.6 LBS** WASTE PER DAY → **219 LBS** WASTE PER YEAR

The City of Eagle Lake has  
**200 LICENSED DOGS**  
If the average dog weighed  
40 lbs. that would equate to



**AND DON'T FORGET**  
**PICK UP THE PET WASTE IN YOUR OWN YARD**

## YOU CAN HELP

### SCOUT IT

Make sure you are keeping an eye on your dog and always clean up their waste.

### SCOOP IT

Always have a plastic bag with you when you are walking the dog. Use the bag as a glove to pick up the dog waste. Scoop it up and turn the bag inside out around the waste.

### DISPOSE IT

Properly dispose of dog waste by putting it in a trash can.

**NEVER THROW DOG WASTE  
DOWN A STORM DRAIN.**

## DOG LICENSES

Per Eagle Lake code, all dogs within city limits must be licensed. Once licensed, please be sure that your dog wears its metal tag that is issued with the dog license. This helps the police identify where a dog lives so that it can be returned home if lost versus being impounded.



Please call or stop by City Hall to obtain a dog license application if your dog is not currently licensed.

*Replacement tags are available at **NO CHARGE** if a tag is lost or damaged.*