



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Scoop on un-scooped Dog Poop!



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The biggest source of animal waste is farm animals **but in cities and towns, dogs and cats are major contributors.**

WHY YOU NEED TO SCOOP THE POOP

When untreated waste (in other words, “poop”) ends up in rivers, streams and lakes, **bacteria can pollute beaches and threaten plants, fish, wildlife and people.**

- The viruses, bacteria and parasites found in dog poop can cause disease. **Children and other dogs are particularly susceptible to the diseases transmitted by dog poop.**
- See “Human Diseases Transmitted by Dog Poop” published by CPHA www.cpha.ca/en/programs/history/achievements/05-he/diseases.aspx
- Pet poop that is left in yards, fields, parks and on sidewalks eventually ends up in rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. It is carried there by spring run-off and heavy rainfalls, either directly or via storm sewers. Recent studies in the United States traced **20% to 30% of the bacteria in water samples from urban watersheds to dog waste.**
- Dog waste is high in nitrogen and phosphorus, which promote weed and algae growth in lakes, ponds, and streams. This **limits the sunlight available to aquatic plants, which in turn reduces the oxygen in the water that is needed by fish and other organisms.**

WHAT’S THE SOLUTION?

Pick up after your dog and cat Please! Your neighbors and community Thank you!

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