



# There is no such thing as the poop fairy.

## ONLY YOU can make your pet's waste disappear.

### DO YOUR DOO-TY!



#### AT HOME

Keep your yard clean.  
Pick up dog poop every day.  
Trash it or flush it down the toilet.



#### ON WALKS

Carry disposable plastic bags to pick it up,  
and bring extras just in case!  
Pick it up. Never throw or leave bags of  
poop on the ground or stormdrain.



Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites that **make people and pets sick**. When it is left on the ground, it washes down storm drains and **contaminates our streams and rivers**.

# DON'T POO-LUTE!



Dog poop contaminates water and soil with bacteria and nutrients that are harmful to our health and our environment. Most of the District's stormwater goes directly into local streams and rivers with little or no treatment.

## DOG POOP IS RAW SEWAGE

Dog poop can contain bacteria and parasites that infect people and pets. It attracts pests like flies, roaches, and rats. Dog poop can be tracked into homes and cars or washed into our streams and rivers when left outside.

## A SINGLE POOP MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT, BUT IT ADDS UP!



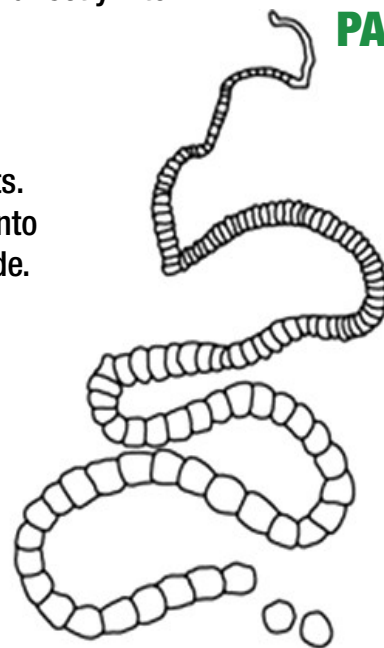
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A typical 40 pound dog makes about 274 pounds of dog poop each year. Collectively dogs in the District make about 44 million pounds of poop each year, roughly the weight of 3 Capitol Domes.

## DOG POOP PARASITES



Penny  
for scale



Tape Worm



Roundworm

## TAKE ACTION

1. **Tell your family and friends** to pick up after their pets.
2. **Post a sign**. Buy or make your own or print a sign from [doee.dc.gov/petwaste](https://doee.dc.gov/petwaste).
3. **Share bags**. Hand out pet waste bags or make them available to your neighbors in case someone forgets to bring their own.

### TIP:

Pet waste bags don't have to be fancy; try reusing old bread, produce, or newspaper bags.

Adapted from Montgomery County, MD Pet Waste Program.

**Call 311 to report dog poop issues**