



Pet Waste and Storm Water Pollution

Dog poop left on streets, pavements, yards, driveways, or along the sides of roads does not magically disappear or fertilize the ground. Improperly disposed animal feces can be picked up by storm water runoff and carried into storm drains or nearby washes. Storm drains do not always connect to sanitary sewer systems and treatment facilities, so pet waste can be the cause of significant storm water pollution and present health risks to adults, children and other pets.



Dangers of Pet Waste if Not Handled Properly

Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can make people, especially children, sick. Pets can catch diseases from contact with infected feces of other pets. Not only are animal feces a nuisance in our neighborhoods and desert environment, feces also presents serious health risks. Pets and children who play in yards or parks where pets defecate are most at risk for infections from disease-causing bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. Diseases and parasites that can be passed from pet waste to humans:

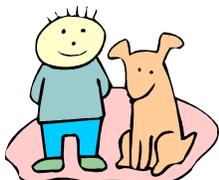
- **Campylobacteriosis** – a bacterial infection carried by dogs and cats that frequently causes diarrhea in humans.
- **Salmonellosis** – the most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans by other animals. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- **Toxocariasis** – roundworms usually transmitted from dogs to humans, often without noticeable symptoms, but may cause vision loss, a rash, fever, or cough.

Did You Know?

A day's worth of poop from one large dog can contain 7,800,000,000 fecal coliform bacteria.

You can Make a Difference

Take a plastic bag or paper cup along when walking your pet. Dispose of the waste properly in the household trash after securely wrapping it. Town of Camp Verde Town Code states "*It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail to immediately remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property.*". Blind persons, persons with mobility disabilities, are excepted.



Benefits of Properly Disposing of Pet Waste

Pet waste management results in cleaner neighborhoods, with improved aesthetics and lowered potential for diseases to spread. Reducing pet waste also helps reduce one main cause of storm water-pollution.

For more information about storm water pollution prevention, call Town of Camp Verde Public Works Department at 928-554-0820.

Town of Camp Verde Town Code
Chapter 6 - Animals
Dection 6-1-4 – Waste Removal Required

SECTION 6-1- 4 WASTE REMOVAL REQUIRED

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail to immediately remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property. This section shall not apply to guide dogs for blind persons or persons with mobility disabilities.

B. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to deposit, cause to be deposited or allow solid waste from dogs to accumulate within or about such premises for longer time than forty-eight hours. This provision is to include animal waste on private property, including property owned, leased, or controlled by the owner of the dog.