



For the health of
our community,



please properly dispose
of pet waste
in yards and on trails.

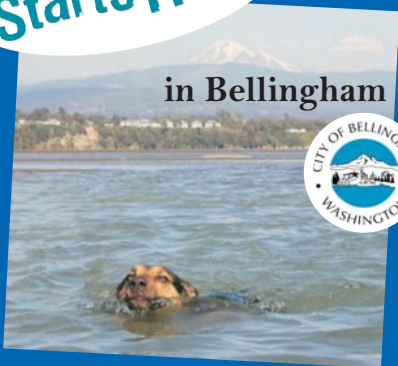
Pet waste contains disease-causing bacteria and microorganisms that are harmful to humans and water. Even if your yard is not in direct contact with a stream, contaminants from pet waste can be carried by stormwater. Some harmful organisms can survive for months in your yard waiting for a host.



The best way to dispose of your pet's waste is to bag it and place it in the garbage.

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in Bellingham



**Scoop
the
Poop!**

**City of Bellingham residents
are required to properly
dispose of pet waste.**

Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste and cat litter. Yards and compost systems are not. Home compost systems do not heat pet waste to the high temperatures needed to kill harmful pathogens. Pet waste cannot be put in FoodPlus recycling bins.



**For more
information
please call:
City of Bellingham
Public Works
(360) 778-7700**



Pet handlers are required to have equipment to remove their pets' waste and are responsible for cleaning up their animals' waste on public property. Violation of City regulations is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Bellingham Municipal Code 8.04.070