

Austin guide to... SCOOP*the* POOP

250,000



Dogs in
Austin
create

150,000

Pounds
of Poop
per Day,
which is



55 MILLION

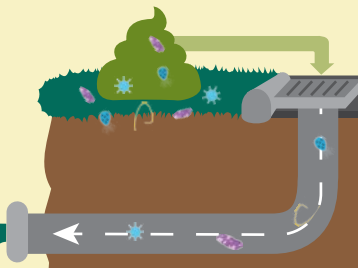
Pounds
of Poop
per Year

deposited in our city

Pet waste left behind
isn't fertilizer...
it's **pollution**...
Leave no pile behind!

UN-fun Facts about **pet waste**
left on the ground:

- ★ It's toxic to plants and can create dead spots on the lawn
- ★ It can contain e-coli, roundworm, giardia, and other germs that make people and pets sick; some of these disease-causing organisms remain infectious in soil for weeks or years



- ★ It washes from land into our creeks and lakes and contaminates the water
 - causes harmful algae and aquatic weeds to grow
 - reduces oxygen in the water for fish and other animals
 - makes recreational areas unsafe to enjoy

www.ScoopThePoopAustin.org

What Can You Do?

Remove your pet's waste from parks, sidewalks, your yard, and everywhere!



Bring It! Carry a bag when you walk your dog



Scoop It! Use a bag as a glove, scoop the poop, invert and seal the bag



Toss It! Place pet waste in the trash

Visit ScoopThePoopAustin.org for educational materials and to order free yard signs

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Contact Information:

Pet waste bag refills (City parks)

3-1-1

Water quality protection

512-974-2550

Volunteer clean-ups (Keep Austin Beautiful)

512-391-0617



CODE: § 3-4-6: DEFECATION BY A DOG OR CAT.

An owner or handler shall promptly remove and sanitarly dispose of feces left on public or private property by a dog or cat being handled by the person, other than property owned by the owner or handler of the dog or cat. **Maximum Fine: \$500**