



Pet Waste Regulations

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Animal & Pet Waste Poop from dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals can contain harmful bacteria, viruses and nutrients that can be hazardous to residents and our environment. Bacterial contamination from animal wastes can cause illness and is unfit for human contact. In addition, nutrients in animal wastes can cause excessive algae growth in our waterways and, as it decays in water, can use up the dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to breathe to survive. You must pick up after your animals to prevent their waste from entering the storm drain system.

Bag it. Trash It. Dog poop left on the ground is not a small problem. It is estimated that the typical dog excretes between one half to three quarters of a pound of waste per day—or about 180-274 pounds per year. Poop left on sidewalks, streets, yards, public parks, or other open areas can be washed away by over irrigation or rain and carried into storm drains.

- 1) Pick up animal waste promptly using plastic bags, scoops or shovels. Even in leash free areas, like fenced dog parks, you are responsible for picking up after your pet.
- 2) Always carry plastic bags with you when taking your dog for a walk or to the park.
- 3) Seal dog or cat poop in a plastic bag and throw it in the trash.
- 4) Keep dog and cat poop out of sewer systems.

Imperial Beach Municipal Code:

6.04.080. Carrying instrument for removal of dog feces and actual removal of such feces required.

A. Any owner/guardian having custody of a dog while on public property, including any easements, beaches, and public parks, and private property not owned by such owner/guardian shall at all times carry an instrument suitable for removing and disposing of any feces which may be deposited by said dog and shall immediately remove any feces to a proper receptacle.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs being used by the blind as guide dogs, or service dogs that are assisting disabled persons who are unable to remove such feces. (Ord. 2006-1046 § 1, 2006)

Q. How may I acquire more information from the City regarding this program? A. Contact the “Storm Water Main Line” at [619-424-4095](tel:619-424-4095).

Only rain in the drain!