

You know what to “Doo”... for Clean Feet, a Clean Yard, and Clean Water.



More than 70% of rural San Diego County dog owners are doing the right thing by scooping poop at least once a week and placing it in a trash can.

Responsible pet waste management keeps yards (and feet) clean, and also protects the quality of our region’s creeks, lakes, and beaches.



For more information or to report pollution, call (888) 846-0800 or visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html



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Data reported were obtained from a 2011 survey of dog owners living in rural areas of unincorporated San Diego County.



Most San Diego County Dog Owners “Doo” the Right Thing with Dog Waste on Their Property:

1. Scoop it (at least once a week),
2. Bag it, and
3. Put it in the trash.

How Do I Manage Dog Waste On My Large Property? I Can't Possibly Find It All!

Not to worry, you can still do your part! Pick up dog waste in the areas that are most likely to contribute to pollution. Large property “Poo Points” include:

Poo Point #1 – Areas close to water sources such as creeks, streams, lakes, etc.

Poo Point #2 – Slopes, ravines, and drainage ditches.

Poo Point #3 – Areas susceptible to water runoff from rain or irrigation.

Clean Feet – Clean Yard – Clean Water

Not only is there a risk of **breeding flies** or **stepping** in a pile, but pet waste left in yards or other open areas can also cause **contamination of local waterways**.

When any water source contacts dog waste, the resulting runoff contains bacteria, parasites and viruses. This contaminated runoff flows directly into local creeks, lakes, and the ocean where it can cause illness in humans.

Dog Waste Disposal In Rural Areas

Bag it and put it in the trash? Yes! This is the simplest and safest method.

Bury it? Yes, but carefully! Bury deeply, change the location of the hole frequently, and keep it away from vegetable gardens, waterways and wellheads.

Compost it? No! Most backyard compost piles do not get hot enough to kill disease organisms.

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