

Scoop the Poop

**Whenever and Wherever** 

... even in your own yard ...even in the snow

#### Always bring bags

Be prepared - bring more than one.

## Always put filled bags in trash cans - never in recycling bins!

Even bio-degradable bags.

## Never put dog waste into a storm drain!

Storm drains flow directly into our local waters - they are not connected to the sanitary sewer.

## Never leave bags of poop

By the side of the road, in bushes, or lying around.



...even in the woods or remote locations ...evenif you have a small dog

### Unscooped poop pollutes our water!

Doggy poop has twice as much bacteria as human waste!

Rain washes the bacteria into the nearest river. It ends up in the ocean.

Kids are most affected! Symptoms are flu-like, vomiting, diarrhea, ear infections, rashes, fever.

# All dogs pollute, even small dogs! Consider this:

A 40 lb. dog produces 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria per day!

Giardia, Salmonella, and Campylobacter are some of the parasites, viruses and bacteria in doggy poop that can be transmitted to humans.

# Scooping Poop is not just about the mess — it's about clean water and our health!

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