



It has come to the TOWN'S ATTENTION . . . increased reports of DOG WASTE DEPOSITS throughout our town!

Especially along **OCEAN DRIVE** – our **GATEWAY TO THE BEACH**, in the large grassy area around the **ANCHORAGE FOREBAY** and along the **ROUTE 1** pedestrian walkway.

The town posts numerous “**Pick-up After Your Pet**” signs and provides bags for those who forget to bring their own bags. When ignored, our **PUBLIC WORKS** crew has to spend time cleaning up this mess.

Responsible Pet Owners Scoop the Poop!

Important Reasons to Clean Up After Your Dog

Lifestyle:

Dog waste is unsightly and very annoying, especially if stepped in, left on walkways or owner driveways, or discovered by children playing on the beach. Ocean Drive, where so many people come to walk, bike or park for access to the beach is an area of FREQUENT VIOLATION.

Environment:

Pet waste does NOT biodegrade the same way as wild animal waste. It can take over one year for dog waste to decompose.

Disposal:

Only discard dog waste in your trash can or in a Town trash can – NOT your neighbor's can!

Water Quality:

The EPA estimates that 2-3 days worth of waste from just 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it to swimming and shell fishing.

Health Hazard:

The CDC states that pet waste can contribute to diseases that animals pass to humans.

Pollution:

Dog waste contains parasites and bacteria, notably nitrogen and phosphorous that pollute our canal, ocean and bay waters – The EPA states that 33% of all pollutants in waterways are attributed to dog waste pollutants originating from stormwater run-off. It also provides a nitrogen source for algae blooms which deplete the water of oxygen.

There is no poop fairy.

