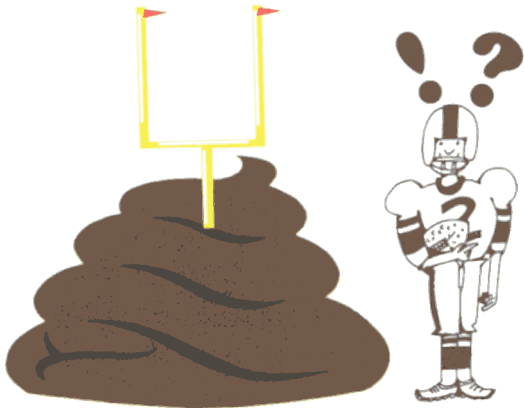


**Did You Know  
There Are An  
Estimated  
53 Million  
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**That's 6.3 Billion  
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**Pick  
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Up...**





**It's  
Your  
Doodie!**


# Why Should I Pick It Up?

If pet waste is left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas, it can wash into a river or lake and cause many problems:

 **Poop**, or fecal bacteria, has impaired 127 miles of Gwinnett's streams so that they do not meet the standards set by Georgia's Environmental Protection Division.

 **Poop** decays, using up oxygen and releasing compounds which are harmful to fish and other animals that rely on water.

 **Poop** contains nutrients which can cause excessive algae growth in a water body, upsetting the natural balance.

 Most important of all, **poop** can contain as many as 75 diseases and viruses which may make our water unsafe for fishing, swimming and other types of recreation.

I want to be a *responsible* pet owner, but does this mean I have to pick up **poop**?



The bad news is...

Yes, you have to "scoop **poop**," but it's a small price to pay to protect our water quality.

The good news is...

Whether in your yard at home or out walking your dog, it's easy to do the right thing! You can purchase a device made especially for the task or simply use a plastic bag. Then, you can just place your **poop** in the nearest garbage can or flush it down the toilet. *Remember:* Plastic and paper bags will clog your plumbing!

Everyone will be happier when you pick up after your pet!



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