

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLY

Living by the Lake is beautiful and provides a peaceful environment to enjoy with opportunities for recreation. Living by the Lake, which is also the Lexington and Lakeshore Village water supply, comes with many responsibilities.

When you clean up after your pet, do you dump the waste in the street or storm drainage system? Do you leave it to decay on the sidewalk or on the grass? If so, you may be causing pollution or health problems.

Picking up after your pets is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a pet owner.

Lexington-Fayette Law

Cleaning up after your pet is the law. All pet waste on public or unowned-private land must be sanitarily and properly disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle.

All dogs in Fayette County must be on a leash, behind a fence, or on the dog owner's property and under the owner's supervision at all times when outside. Any dog found unattended or unconfined on public or private property may be impounded.

We have installed receptacles with bags in several locations for your convenience.



Pollutants from improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow. Storm sewers usually drain directly into our lakes and streams, carrying many pollutants along with the water. When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams the waste decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Water becomes cloudy and green – unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing.

Perhaps most importantly, pet waste left on the ground, carries diseases which make water unsafe.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. The job of cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag along on your next walk on a leash.