

Just how much dog poop is there in Bernalillo County?



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*We work to reduce Stormwater Pollution
to keep our river clean.*



Stormwater Runoff is rain or snow melt that runs off buildings, yards or hillsides, down driveways, streets and channels, to the Rio Grande. Along the way it picks up pollutants and the trash we leave behind. **Pet Waste can be a significant problem in the Rio Grande.** Pollution is best controlled at the source, in our own homes, businesses, parks, and cars, by our own good housekeeping.

There are about 100,000 dogs in Bernalillo County.

100,000 dogs

The average dog "poops" about 1/2 pound per day.

x 1/2 lb per day

50,000 lbs per day

That's over 9000 tons a year in our yards and parks.

If only 10% of dogs per day are walked in public areas

x 10% walked

5,000 lbs per day

And only 50% of those dogs poop in public

x 50% pooping dogs

2,500 lbs per day

That's more than 450 tons per year on our sidewalks or bike paths, in the parks and on our shoes!

Please Scoop the Poop!

Please visit our website: www.bernco.gov/stormwater
or our partnership website: www.KeepTheRioGrand.org

You are the solution to Stormwater Pollution!

Some Myths about Pet Poop



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It's natural.

TRUE—but so are diseases and slugs.

Pet poop is just a nuisance.

FALSE—it carries diseases, and it's a breeding ground for flies.

Pet poop is good for the soil.

FALSE—True fertilizers (manures) come from herbivores, not carnivores (dogs & cats).

The river cleans up the pet poop.

FALSE—bacteria spreads in the water & poop uses oxygen as it rots.

It's never been a problem before.

TRUE (Sort of)—but there weren't this many pets and it's always been annoying and unhealthy.

There are worse things in the world.

SURE—but **you** can fix this without spending a penny!

Poop Happens! Just pick it up and move on.

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