

LOCAL REGULATIONS

Licensing

Town Code – Title 6

6.1.6 License Required.

No dog may be kept within the limits of the town unless such dog has been licensed by its owner in accordance with the statutes of the state.

Animal Waste

Town Code – Title 6

6.1.13 Animal Waste.

It is a violation of this ordinance for any owner of a dog to fail to remove and properly dispose of feces left by his or her dog(s) on any improved portion of public ways or sidewalks.

Penalties

Town Code – Title 1

1.3.2 General Penalty for Violation of Code - Continuing Violations.

Whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the Town any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense, or a civil violation, or whenever in such Code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, or a civil violation or an offense, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this Code or any ordinance must be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day any violation of any provisions of this Code or of any ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense. All fines collected hereunder accrue to the benefit of the Town.



RESOURCES

Information on Spruce Creek Watershed Improvement Project (SCWIP)

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Kittery, Maine 03904
(207) 475-1321

<http://www.protectkitterywaters.org/>
<http://www.sprucecreekassociation.org/>

Information on Town Code

http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_TownCode/index



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TIPS FOR PET OWNERS



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?



Pet waste left on the lawn, street, or beach is carried by rain or snow runoff directly into nearby waterbodies or into storm drains (which drain to waterbodies without treatment).



Untreated animal feces can be a source of harmful pathogens and nutrients in water.



While it may not seem like a big deal if one more cat or dog contributes some waste to the neighborhood environment, think of how many pets are in our community...



FAST FACTS



A single gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria¹.



Pet waste carries disease-causing organisms such as Giardia and Salmonella². Infections can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, and stomach cramps.

¹van der Wel (1999); ²Pitt (1998)

WHAT TO DO: QUICK TIPS

BRING IT!— Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Old bread bags or newspaper bags work great!

BAG IT!— Use the bag as a glove to pick up the pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around waste.

DISPOSE IT!— Properly dispose of the waste by placing it in a trash can, flushing it unbagged down the toilet, or burying it. To bury waste, place in a hole at least 5" deep and away from any veggie gardens and water supplies.



NEVER PUT PET WASTE INTO A STORM DRAIN

Did you know that storm drains flow directly to nearby streams, rivers, or estuary **without any treatment**? This means that dog waste and other pollutants left in the yard, on the street, or placed in storm drains, **go straight into our waterbodies** when rain falls.

IMPACT OF PET WASTE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Pet waste contributes to unsafe levels of bacteria in our waterbodies and on our beaches. High fecal bacteria levels indicate a higher risk of potential illness from contact with the water. Pet waste also contains nutrients that can cause excess algae growth.



SPRUCE CREEK

Spruce Creek is impaired due to high levels of bacteria in the water. This impacts recreational activities such as shellfishing and swimming. Pet waste has been identified as one of the major sources of bacteria to the Creek.