Environmental Quality Management

PET AND SERVICE ANIMAL WASTE INFORMATION

WWW.UKY.ENV/STORMWATER

The University of Kentucky's Main Lexington Campus is considered a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (sMS4) and, as a result, can only allow clean water discharges into the stormwater system. Pet and service animal waste can impair water quality by introducing bacteria, parasites, and harmful nutrients to local waterways through stormwater runoff. Pet and service animal waste must be picked up and properly disposed of to prevent stormwater pollution. Also, cleaning up after your pet is the law in Lexington and is enforced by the Lexington Police Department.

DO

- ✓ Immediately pick up and bag waste.
- ✓ Tie the bag containing waste to prevent odors.
- ✓ Properly dispose of the waste bag in appropriate waste receptacles.
- ✓ Be prepared when on campus with your animal by carrying extra waste bags.
- ✓ Utilize dog parks and appropriate pet areas on campus.
- ✓ Follow all requirements of the UK Service and Emotional Support Animal Policy.



DON'T

- ✕ Don't leave waste, even when dropped in grassy areas.
- ✕ Don't leave bagged pet waste on the ground. Place it in an appropriate waste container.
- ✕ Don't allow animals in restricted areas.
- ✕ Don't assume waste is beneficial to the environment.
- ✕ Don't compost pet waste, which may be a source of parasites or disease.

Proper Waste Disposal Steps

1. **Glove It** – Place hand inside of the waste bag like a glove.
2. **Grab It** – Use the gloved hand to pick up the waste.
3. **Turn It** – Turn the glove inside out to safely contain the waste.
4. **Trash It** – Tie the bag and place it in an appropriate waste receptacle.



Helpful Links

EQM Stormwater Website
(https://www.uky.edu/env/stormwater)

How to Bag the Doo
(https://youtu.be/BxuI10RTWbY)