

Mission

Keep Charleston Beautiful is dedicated to promoting the cleanliness and beautification of the City of Charleston through education, public awareness, and community involvement.

History

Keep Charleston Beautiful was founded in 1977 as the Charleston Clean City Commission by Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. The organization is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Pick Up After Your Pet

Pet waste is litter. Our goal is to encourage the public to clean up after their pets by provide accurate information regarding pet waste.

For a list of dog friendly City parks featuring our dog bag dispensers please visit the Keep Charleston Beautiful website: www.KeepCharlestonBeautiful.org

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Thank you for helping keep Charleston clean and beautiful.



Signs and dog bag dispenser sponsorships are available through Keep Charleston Beautiful.

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Educating today for a litter-free tomorrow!



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Fast Facts

- Pet waste is litter
- Animal waste is carried into our storm drainage system which flows directly into local rivers and marshes.
- The amount of animal waste generated in Charleston (around 10,000lbs a day) has the potential to impact local plant & animal life, water quality, and soil quality.
- Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can spread to humans, pets, and wildlife.

Pet waste is everyone's problem. Improperly disposed of waste introduces parasites, viruses and bacteria to our soils and water ways.

Do Your Part

As pet owners it is our responsibility to cleanup after our pets. You can help by cleaning up after your dog, encouraging others to remove their pet's waste, and by sponsoring one of Keep Charleston Beautiful's many dog bag dispensers.

The Pick Up After Your Pet Program

Keep Charleston Beautiful and the Department of Parks install dog bag dispensers throughout City parks. These dispensers are stocked with biodegradable waste bags to help encourage park's visitors to cleanup after their pets. Each year over 300,000 dog bags are provided to the public. The bags are funded through City contributions and dog bag dispenser sponsorships. Sponsors are provided with an 8"x4" area to post pictures, logos, or slogans on the dispenser of their choice.

Why Pick Up After Your Pet?

It's gross. It's the Law.

In short, the City of Charleston Environmental Control Ordinance, Sec.26-2(f) states:

It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or walker of any dog or cat to permit his or her animal to discharge its excreta unless such person immediately removes the animal's excreta from the public or private property.

Violation of this ordinance carry fines ranging from \$158 to over \$1,000.

It's the right thing to do.

Keep your pets safe and out of trouble- Charleston Law, Sec. 5-4, requires all dogs be leashed unless within a designated "off-leash" area. Also note dogs are not allowed on public athletic fields or tennis courts at any time.