



PHASE II POOPER SCOOPER PROGRAM

Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve Council Member "Preserve the Reserve"

DON'T LET YOUR DOG POLLUTE; EVERY TIME, BRING YOUR SCOOP

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The Town of Babylon has designed and implemented a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) to reduce the non-point-source pollutants and sediments entering our valuable waterways, thus, satisfying the Phase II mandates of the Clean Water Act. The Phase II Pooper Scooper Program is an innovative component of Babylon's SWMP that will decrease bacteria levels in stormwater runoff entering the Great South Bay. Bacteria found in animal waste that enters the stormwater runoff collection system (SRCS) degrade water quality making it unsafe for bathing and human consumption of shellfish. Consequently, animal waste is the primary reason for swimming beach and shellfish ground closures throughout the South Shore Estuary Reserve.

Pooper scoopers are available to residents with licensed dogs on a first come first served basis at Babylon Animal Adoption and Rescue Center (BAARC) during regular business hours. Please bring your dog license number. In addition, free pooper scoopers are given to each family adopting a dog from BAARC. Note: The Phase II Pooper Scooper Program is funded solely by Town of Babylon Chapter 189 Phase II fees.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Over 4,000 dogs were licensed in the Town of Babylon during 2006.
- ❖ Each year they produce tons of waste that may enter our waterways via the SRCS.
- ❖ Animal waste entering the SRCS during precipitation events is a leading cause of surface water quality degradation in the Town causing bathing beach and shellfish ground closures.
- ❖ The Town of Babylon Code requires that you dispose pet waste in a sealed bag with regular garbage or in a sewage system (i.e. toilet).

HOW TO DISPOSE WASTE

- ❖ Bring your pooper scooper and a baggie.
- ❖ Pick up waste with your pooper scooper.
- ❖ Place waste in a baggie.
- ❖ Tie bag and place in trash receptacle.
- ❖ Or, empty waste into toilet.

REASONS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

- ❖ Keep swimming beaches and shellfish grounds open.
- ❖ Prevent messes from animal waste being tracked inside.
- ❖ Preserve clean, sanitary play areas for family activities.
- ❖ Avoid fines. Dog waste disposed on private/public property without permission or in the SRCS is punishable by a fine.
- ❖ Be a good neighbor. Improve the aesthetics and environment of your neighborhood.
- ❖ Ensure a healthier environment for all!

TIPS FOR BAGGING IT

- ❖ Keep a supply of bags near your dog's leash.
- ❖ Reuse old bags: plastic sandwich bags, newspaper bags, or bread bags.
- ❖ Or, purchase special bags where pet supplies are sold.
- ❖ Check bag for holes before leaving home.
- ❖ Tie bags on the leash if you don't have a pocket.