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Do you know what happens to dog waste if you don't pick it up? Besides the obvious answer (you step in it), if you don't pick up after your pet, chances are that pet waste will become part of storm water runoff which washes down storm drains, into drainage ditches, and into our creeks, rivers and lakes.

Burleson gets its water from the City of Fort Worth. The City of Fort Worth is supplied by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) which gets its water from four reservoirs - Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, Cedar Creek and Richland-Chambers. The TRWD also gets water from Lake Benbrook. Fort Worth draws water from Lake Worth.

When pet waste is left on the ground, our water quality and health could be at risk. The City's Neighborhood Service department asks you to "Doo the Right Thing" by picking up after your dog while you are walking your dog or are in your yard. The best way to deal with pet waste is to attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash or stash them in a fanny pack so you always have a supply of baggies on hand. Save plastic bread bags, plastic newspaper sleeves, or plastic produce bags and use them to scoop the poop. When using a baggie or plastic bag, slip it over your hand like a mitt, pick up the droppings, hold the top corner of the bag with your other hand, quickly flip the bag inside out, seal it, and drop it in a trash can. Be sure to clean up the droppings around your yard once a week.

If you want to take the Doo the Right Thing pledge, stop by the Burleson Animal Shelter at 775 S.E. John Jones Dr., sign the pledge and pick up a free pet waste dispenser. Supplies are limited. The pledge is also available online at [www.burlesontx.com/petpledge](http://www.burlesontx.com/petpledge). The shelter is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.