

Removing dog poop from your yard **immediately** is important for several reasons—some that protect your health, your dog, and your neighborhood's vibe. Here's the breakdown:

1. It's a Public Health Hazard

Dog poop can contain harmful bacteria and parasites, like:

- **E. coli**
- **Salmonella**
- **Giardia**
- **Roundworms and hookworms**

These can contaminate soil and water, and potentially infect humans and other pets. Kids playing outside? Now you've got a biohazard playground.

2. It Poses a Risk to Your Dog

Dogs can **reinfect themselves** or other animals by sniffing or stepping in contaminated poop. Some parasites can live in the soil for months. That's a *circle of yuck* you don't want.

3. It Pollutes Waterways

Rain can wash poop into storm drains, leading to polluted lakes, rivers, and streams. That's not just gross—it's illegal in some places due to environmental regulations.

4. It Smells... Fast

Even a single pile can make your yard smell awful, especially in warm weather. Flies love it. Your nose doesn't.

5. It Attracts Pests

Poop attracts flies, rodents, and other pests. Some even lay eggs in it—hello, maggots. Not exactly the backyard party you planned.

6. It's a Landmine

Stepping in it ruins your shoes *and* your day. Enough said.

7. It Hurts Your Curb Appeal

If you're a homeowner or landlord, leaving dog poop out sends the wrong message to neighbors and potential buyers or renters.

Quick Tip:

Pick up poop **daily** or immediately after your dog goes. Keep poop bags by the door or attach one to the leash so you're always ready. Your yard (and your karma) will thank you.

Bottom line? It's a small chore with *big benefits*.  