



It's a smelly job, but somebody has to do it

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Snow melts when temperatures rise, but dog poop sure doesn't. Dog owners are reminded to clean up and dispose of all the poop that accumulated in their yard over the winter.

Allowing animal waste to build up can have negative impacts on pet owners, their neighbours and pets. Aside from the smell, waste can attract insects, contaminate soil and water and lead to bacterial infections in both animals and humans. That's why it is important to clean up as often as possible throughout the year.

Dog owners are also reminded to clean up after their pet when away from home —whether they're taking a walk around the block or visiting one of Edmonton's 41 off-leash parks. Failing to do so could result in a \$100 fine, so it's important to remember bags when heading out with the dog.

Want to help get our off-leash areas in shape for spring? Join fellow pet-lovers who value safe and clean park spaces at one of the City of Edmonton's off-leash park cleanups:

- April 22 (Earth Day) at **Lauderdale/Grand Trunk Park** and **Hermitage Park** from **1-2 p.m.**
- April 29 at **Terwillegar Park** and **Jackie Parker Recreation Area** from **1-2 p.m.**
- May 6 at **Buena Vista Park** and **Dawson Park** from **1-2 p.m.**

The City's dogs off-leash ambassadors and animal control officers will be at each location to welcome volunteers and provide a safety orientation. Gloves, water, bags, snacks, an information piece and a token of appreciation will be given to everyone who attends.

Remember, responsible pet owners look after their pet's health and wellness and make sure their pet is a positive addition to the community.

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