

WHY SCOOP THE POOP?

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for associations. Next time you are tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn either where the dog deposited it or in a plastic bag, please remember these facts:

- I. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.
- II. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
- III. Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment from the EPA. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members – not just the dog owners.
- IV. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales – not just whether and for how much the homes sell, but how quickly.
- V. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association in more positive directions.

On another note, why do you use the little bags to pick up the poop and then throw the bag on the ground? The poop would have dried up and eventually disintegrated, but the little bag will be around for many years just lying there. Don't litter, please, as there is no one coming around to pick these up for you. Carry them to the nearest trash can, please.