



Walking your dog - cleaning up made easy

Does cleaning up after the dog have to be difficult?

No! It definitely doesn't have to be difficult.

Taking your dog for a walk should be a relaxing and pleasurable exercise for both of you. Your Council is actively playing its part in making sure that by working towards equipping every park and reserve in the area with a 'dog tidy' dispenser. No matter where you walk your dog, there is sure to be assistance with cleaning up after your dog close at hand.

The bright green coloured 'dog tidy' dispensers (see picture) are fixed to posts and sign poles, conveniently close to rubbish bins, and contain a roll of tear-off bags for the clean up job.

The bags have serrated strips so they are easy to tear off. They are made from a non-tear material, but are also biodegradable, so you are not adding to any long-term environmental problems. They have convenient tie-tops to prevent any accidental spills and to make sure they are completely hygienic for you.

The 'tidy' bags are very easy to use.

- Grip the bag and pull downwards till the tear off strip appears.

- Lift the bag upwards against the upper lip and tear off.
- Place your hand inside the bag and turn it 'inside-out' over your hand (like a glove).
- Scoop up the faeces, take hold of one handle and pull the bag back of your hand.
- Tie the bag 'handles' and then drop the bag in the next convenient rubbish bin.

Picked, packed and ready to go in just a few seconds.

But why bother?

Taking your dog for regular walks shows you are a responsible and caring dog owner.

Cleaning up after your dog shows you are a responsible neighbour and are concerned about your environment – and you are playing an active part in protecting it.

Dog faeces left in parks and on footpaths are inconvenient. Most of us have probably experienced the annoyance of 'putting our foot in it' and 'Murphy's Law' dictates that we won't realise this until we are in the car or inside the house. But dog faeces can also transmit diseases, both to other dogs and to us.



Dog tidy dispensers such as this one can be found in many reserves and parks.

Worms are commonly spread via faeces. The effect of worms can range from being irritating through to very debilitating illnesses. Some species of worms can have

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ultimately fatal results. Young children, particularly toddlers, can often come into contact with faeces when crawling or rolling around on the ground.

Dry faeces can also pose a risk for our gardening staff when mowing the lawns, through dust inhalation.

Dog faeces can contribute to marine pollution. When washed into the stormwater system, it can contribute to increased nutrient levels in streams, rivers and ultimately, the sea. It's one smaller bit towards algal blooms and degradation of sea grass beds.

Installation of dog tidy units is an on-going program, so the number and locations of these will be regularly updated.

Maintenance required

If you notice a dispenser unit that has been damaged or has run out of bags, we would appreciate you advising the staff at the Council Depot on 8352 4363.

Dog tidy units

There are currently 38 dog tidy units installed in the West Torrens Council area. The locations are listed on this sheet.

Dispenser locations

Parks and reserves

- Apex Park (3)
- Baroda Avenue Reserve (1)
- Camden Oval (2)
- Cross Terrace (1)
- Dove Street Reserve (1)
- Graham Crescent Reserve (1)
- Jubilee Park, Wellington Street (1)
- Kings Park (2)
- Kitt Street (1)
- Kurralta Park Reserve (1)
- Lew Street Creek (1)
- Lockleys Oval (4)
- Long Street and McArthur Avenue (1)
- Michael Street Reserve (1)
- Mile End Common (2)
- Novar Terraces, opp Henning Court (1)
- Oakmont Crescent Reserve (1)
- St. Andrews Reserve (1)
- Saratoga Drive Reserve (1)
- Sherriff Street (1)
- Swan Avenue Reserve (1)
- Weigall Oval (2)

Along the Western Bikeway

- Corner Creslin Tce and Stonehouse Avenue (1)
- Corner Gunnawarra Ave and Clifton Street (1)
- Near Lydia Street (1)
- Opposite Carlton Parade (1)
- Opposite 51 Ritchie Terrace (1)
- Opposite Murdoch Avenue (1)
- Opposite Raffels Crescent (1)