



HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR PET WASTE

Managing pet waste properly and responsibly inside and outside your home not only reduces odour and litter issues, but also diverts garbage from our one and only landfill.

Pet owners have several options, but the most environmentally friendly options include recycling the droppings by flushing or green binning.

Thanks for keeping our community clean and recycling all you can.



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Green bin

If you receive our curbside green bin service, add pet waste (including animal droppings and kitty litter) to your green bin. To ensure the health and safety of your collection crews, pet waste must be properly wrapped.

- Wrap fully in newspaper or paper towelling, or place in a paper bag and place inside the green bin.
- Use certified compostable bags (**tie bags shut**) which have at least one of the following logos:



Flush

Animal droppings can be scooped and flushed down the toilet. The Region's wastewater treatment system is designed to treat this kind of waste.

Bury in your backyard

Animal droppings can be buried in your backyard using a digester. Digestors are available at local stores and work similar to composters. However please:

- Contact your local municipal office regarding by-law restrictions on placement/proximity to property lines.
- Mix in layers of wood chips, sawdust or dried plant material to help reduce moisture and odours.

Within two years, the waste should be fully digested and the material may be spread on the lawn and gardens as a soil amendment, **but the material should not be spread on or near vegetable gardens.**

Double bag

Small amounts of animal droppings can be double-bagged in plastic bags and put out on regular collection day with garbage. Collection crews will leave behind improperly prepared garbage.

Keep our neighbourhoods and parks clean and odour-free

When you are walking your pet, please do not put pet waste in neighbourhood garbage bins. This creates odours and fills up our landfill. Instead, simply bring along some certified compostable pet waste bags. Collect droppings in these bags, tie bags shut, and drop them in your green bin when you get home.



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