

Animal Defecation Ordinance

Spring City has adopted an Animal Defecation Ordinance which complements their Stormwater Ordinance accordingly. When animal waste is left on the ground, rainwater or melting snow washes the pet waste into our storm drains or directly into our local creeks. The disease-causing bacteria found in pet waste eventually flows from our local waterways into the Schuylkill River, a drinking water source. In addition to contaminating waterways with disease-carrying bacteria, animal waste acts like a fertilizer in the water, just as it does on land. This promotes excessive aquatic plant growth that can choke waterways and promote algae blooms, robbing the water of vital oxygen.

SCOOPING UP THE POOP: Bag it! When going for dog walks, take a shopping or sandwich bag. When doggy makes a deposit, turn the baggie inside out over your hand and use it as a glove to pick up the waste. Flush the pet waste down the toilet because then it is treated at a sewage treatment plant.