



Dog Lovers, We Need Your Help!!!!

We need the help of **Back Bay dog owners**. Many residents have noticed the little blue/black dog waste bags left at the mouths of several alleys. In the winter months, this situation usually escalates.

Leaving dog waste behind is harmful to the health of everyone -- adults, children and pets. It attracts rodents, and according to the Centers for Disease Control, rodent activity is responsible for spreading over 35 diseases.

If you see anyone not picking up after their dog or placing dog waste in an improper place, please ask them to pick up and use the proper place of disposal -- a trash barrel. The Commonwealth Avenue Mall has numerous trash barrels as do the Esplanade, the Public Garden and many street corners throughout the Back Bay.

The City of Boston website posts the Dog Fouling Law, which is printed below. There is a **\$50 fine** for violating this ordinance.

Dog Fouling and the Law

*The City of Boston's dog fouling ordinance, section 16-1.10a of the city code, requires dog owners to **remove and properly dispose** of any feces left by their dogs. This ordinance covers **waste left by your dog on sidewalks, streets and parks, and on your neighbor's yards.***

*When walking your dog, the law necessitates you to be prepared for such occurrences and be **equipped with a bag or some other means of feces removal.** After it is removed, it is **important to dispose of the feces properly, either in a toilet or in a trash container (after being secured in a plastic bag).***

*These laws are intended to **protect the public from potential health conditions, and prevent environmental pollution** caused by dog waste.*

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/animalcontrol/petpeeves.asp>

Thank you in advance for your help!

City Services, Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay