

The Village of Algonquin operates and maintains ...

21 parks and open spaces totaling more than **450 acres**, with **180 acres** being active space and over **200 acres** designated as open space!

Not including residential sidewalks, **18 of 21** parks offer trails and walking paths totaling a distance of over **20 miles!**



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**Picking Up After
Your Pet Keeps
Our Community
Safe & Clean!**





How is pet waste harmful?

Waste from your pet contains fecal coliform bacteria such as **Salmonella** and **E. coli**. Water that contacts waste before entering the ground from storms, snowmelt, and irrigation systems can bring these bacteria into the water we drink. Animals, humans, and objects may also contact these bacteria in areas where waste is left on the ground.

Runoff that enters the wastewater system can also carry pet waste into local watersheds. When pet waste is decomposed, oxygen is removed from the water and harms aquatic life.

Did you know...

In the United States alone, there are over **72.8 million** dogs. Collectively, **30,000 tons** of waste are produced daily; totaling **10 million tons** of waste per year!

What can you do to help?

- 🦴 **Be prepared.** Bring one or two bags with you when you walk your pet or take your pet to a park. **Bagged waste should be placed in the trash.** If there is not a refuse container to deposit the waste in, tie the bag to the leash and dispose when the next opportunity arrives.
- 🦴 **Be Responsible.** Dispose of your pet's waste from your yard in a timely manner. Pet waste should **never** be composted or used as fertilizer. **Never** dispose of pet waste on streets, sidewalks, or in storm drains.
- 🦴 **Spread the word!** Encourage other pet owners to dispose of their pet's waste responsibly.

