



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-103**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** April 8, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Installation of Pet Waste Stations**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that pet (dog) waste stations have been installed in all City parks.

On November 7, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 24-223 (CAM #24-0916) amending the Parks and Recreation rules and regulations to allow dogs in all City parks. The amendment established that all dogs must be kept on a maximum six-foot (6') leash, and restricted dogs from sensitive areas such as playgrounds, athletic fields, water-play areas, and beaches (except for Canine Beach). The resolution also established guidelines for responsible dog ownership, including cleanup requirements.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget included \$150,000 to support the purchase, installation and maintenance of pet waste stations in all City parks. The installation of pet waste stations at ninety-six (96) park locations has been completed by City staff. The Parks and Recreation department will monitor the use and effectiveness of the stations and will install additional units once high demand areas are identified.

All pet waste stations are currently cleaned by City staff, who are also responsible for refilling the waste bags provided in each station. The Pet Waste Disposal Flyer (Attachment 1) has been distributed to educate neighbors about the dangers of leaving pet waste behind.

For further information, please contact Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Director, at 954-828-5804 or [Cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov)

Attachment:

1. Pet Waste Disposal Flyer

c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Director



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PET WASTE DISPOSAL

**Be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet. Pet waste is a major pollutant of waterways and can lead to public health advisories including beach closures.**

It is unlawful to leave pet waste behind. It is a form of littering enforceable under the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances. Pet waste contains diseases and parasites that can infect other pets or humans who come in contact with it.

## **Here's how you can help prevent stormwater pollution:**

- ✔ Carry biodegradable plastic bags or a scooper to collect your pet's waste.
- ✔ Encourage other pet owners to clean up after their pet. Offer an extra bag to a pet owner without one.
- ✔ Teach children to properly dispose of pet waste.
- ✔ Dispose of pet waste in the trash or a place reserved for pet waste.
  - Never flush pet waste down the toilet. It wastes water.
  - Never hose pet waste into the ground or use it as fertilizer. It can find its way into ground water sources.
  - Never dump pet waste into a storm drain. Decomposing pet waste absorbs oxygen from the water, which kills fish and plant life.



**Report illegal dumping or clogged storm drains by calling the City's 24-hour Neighbor Service Center at 954-828-8000.**



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## Pet Waste Disposal

**Pet waste that is not picked up or is improperly disposed of is more than a nuisance; it pollutes local waterways. Stormwater or any other water runoff carries abandoned pet waste to storm drains that discharge into waterways. This can lead to public health concerns, environmental issues, and beach closures. Together, we can keep Fort Lauderdale waterways healthy and ensure that our neighborhoods are inviting. Learn more at [ftlcity.info/gyrpetwaste](http://ftlcity.info/gyrpetwaste).**



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