



The Original In-Ground Pet Waste Product

The Doggie Dooley project is a cooperative partnership between local agencies to introduce Richland County park patrons to an alternative pet waste solution that is eco-friendly, sanitary, and easy to use.



How It Works

The **Doggie Dooley Pet Waste Disposal System** works like a miniature septic tank, utilizing natural bacteria and enzyme cultures to reduce dog waste to a ground absorbed liquid. Simply shovel stools into the system, occasionally add water and the Digester Powder, which is a non-toxic, harmless mixture designed especially for pet waste. The systems are harmless to pets, lawns and shrubs, and control odors.

Why Its Important

Proper disposal of pet waste is a must to maintain a healthy and thriving environment. Failure to contain and remove pet waste can lead to many problems, including the following:

- Spreads disease that can harm humans and cause illness.
- Degrades water quality, threatening fish and other aquatic life.
- Introduces high levels of nitrogen into soils, negatively impacting plant growth.

How To Get One

For more information on purchasing a Doggie Dooley for your home, please contact the **Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District** at (803) 576-2080.

Doggie Dooley partner agencies include Clemson Extension, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, Richland County Recreation Commission, Richland County Conservation Commission, City of Columbia Parks Department and the East Piedmont RC&D.



Doggie Dooley Tips and FAQ

Selecting a Site:

You can choose your yard, lawn or flower garden, just use common sense by keeping away from tree roots and the path of your lawn mower. It is best to place your unit a few feet away from any structures, such as your house or out buildings, and try to avoid entrances. It is also recommended that you place it within reach of a water source, such as a garden hose. Try to locate the unit in an area of your yard with minimum clay content: The unit requires normal ground drainage to operate effectively. To check for normal drainage, add 5 gallons of water to the 20" x 20" x 23" hole. If it drains completely within 48 hours, the unit should operate properly.

Digging a Hole:

Dig the hole a minimum of 20" x 20" x 23" deep. If in digging the hole it gets too large that is still OK. The pyramid shape makes it easy to back fill the hole. It is better to have a hole a little larger, rather than too small. If the hole gets too deep you can adjust it by adding extra dirt, bricks or stone under the corners of the unit until you get the correct height.

Placing unit into Ground:

Lower the assembled unit into the hole. Make any adjustments to achieve the correct height. Level the unit by keeping the top of the unit parallel with the ground to the best of your ability, by adding dirt, rocks, etc. under the corners as necessary. Gradually add dirt (about 3" at a time) around the unit, alternating sides while packing the dirt gently. Continue to fill around the unit with dirt up to the ground level.

How do I start up my new Doggie Dooley?

Start by adding 2-3 days worth of stools to your unit. Then, mix 2 tablespoons of the digester powder with 5 gallons of water. If your water has a high chlorine level, let the water sit in the sun for at least two hours to evaporate the chlorine before adding digester powder. Pour the water and digester mixture over the stools.

How I operate my Doggie Dooley?

1. Add stools daily. 2. Add 5 gallons of water two times a week. 3. Add 1 tablespoon of digester powder per week.

Note: If you have more than 2 pets you will need to increase the amount of digester powder that you add to the unit. Increase by 1 tablespoon per large animal or 1/2 tablespoon per small animal per week.

What if I go on vacation and do not use the Doggie Dooley for an extended period of time?

It is important to add the stools on a daily basis. If you do not use the unit for a period of two weeks or longer it will be necessary to repeat the start up procedure.

Can I use my Doggie Dooley in the winter time or during cold weather?

Your Doggie Dooley is made from very durable material. It will not break or crack in cold weather or with normal use. However, the digester powder becomes inactive at 40 degrees Fahrenheit and below. When the ground temperature drops below 40 degrees, do not add waste to the unit. Wait until the temperature rises, and follow the start up instructions again.

Are flies or other pests attracted to the Doggie Dooley?

Insects may lay eggs on dog stools before they are put into the Doggie Dooley. If this happens; the eggs will turn into maggots. Because the Dooley Digester will not kill anything alive it will be necessary to spray the contents with a bug bomb. Usually fly eggs will not hatch unless the contents of the unit are too dry.

Where can I get Super Digester Refills?

Refills are available in one, three and five pound packs from your local pet store or pet catalogs. If you cannot locate refills, refills can be purchased direct from the factory.