## **PET WASTE**

## 1. Preparation

- Adopt ordinances that require pet owners to clean up pet wastes and use leashes in public areas. If public off-leash areas are designated, make sure they are clearly defined. Avoid designating public off-leash areas near streams and water bodies.
- Whenever practical and cost effective, install dispensers for pet waste bags and provide disposal containers at locations such as trail heads or parks where pet waste has been a problem. Provide signs with instructions for proper cleanup and disposal.

## 2. Process

- a. Check parks and trails for pet waste as needed.
- b. Check public open space for pet waste prior to mowing.
- 3. Clean up
  - Remove all pet waste; provide temporary storage in a covered waste container, and dispose of in the garbage. Preferred method of disposal is at a solid waste disposal facility.
- 4. Documentation
  - Document problem areas for possible increased enforcement and/or public education signs.