



DOG FOULING & THE IMPACT ON YOUR GRASS



Dog fouling on grass is a common problem that can lead to health risks and environmental concerns. It's important to clean up after your dog immediately to prevent the spread of diseases and parasites. Responsible dog owners should always carry bags to pick up waste and dispose of it properly in designated bins.



HEALTH RISKS

- Dog waste can contain parasites like roundworms, which can cause toxocariasis in humans, especially in children, leading to symptoms like dizziness, nausea, and in rare cases, blindness and seizures.
- Dog waste can also contaminate soil and water sources.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Dog waste can be unsightly and create unpleasant odours.
- Dog waste can damage grass and other vegetation due to the high nitrogen content

Dog urine can cause lawn damage due to its high nitrogen content, leading to brown or dead spots on the grass. While nitrogen is a fertiliser, in high concentrations it can burn and kill grass. Concentrated urine from female dogs, who tend to squat, is particularly damaging as it creates a concentrated area of nitrogen.

Simply watering down the spot where your dog has gone will dilute the nitrogen concentration and if you water these areas enough at the time, these spots will become very green the following day.

Unfortunately, dead grass cannot be revived. Fortunately, the spot can be treated and replanted with fresh grass and seeds.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

states it a criminal offence if a dog defecates at any time on designated land and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces.

