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For further information on how you can report dog fouling please visit www.southend.gov.uk/mysouthend and select "Recycling and Waste, Street Cleansing" where you can use the extra information box to provide supporting evidence if you know or saw the person in charge of the dog.



Please note that further steps can only be taken where sufficient information has been provided and further monitoring can be undertaken.

Fixed Penalty Notices may require supporting witness statements and attendance at Court by the witness(es).







Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is keen to work with local residents to encourage dog owners to scoop after their dogs.

Help us to stamp out dog fouling!

Where can dog fouling be disposed of?

A number of dog bins are located throughout parks and open spaces in Southend-on-Sea. Where necessary, litter bins can be used, or it can be taken home and disposed of in your black residual waste sack. With these options available there is no excuse when dog fouling is left behind.

Where does the requirement to scoop apply?

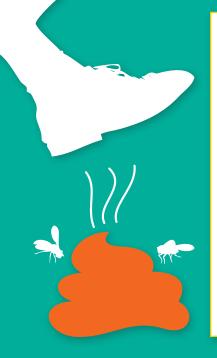
The requirement to clear fouling applies to all land open to the air and to which the public have access including:

- Roads
- Footpaths
- Walkways
- Parks
- Recreation grounds
- Open amenity areas
- Beaches and promenades



- Pavements
- Verges
- Passageways
- Public gardens
- Sports grounds
- Car parks

For further information please visit our "Street Care and Cleaning" page where you can find out how to report street cleaning issues including dog fouling. www.southend.gov.uk



What's all the fuss about?

In surveys to determine the public's attitude towards local environmental quality issues, dog fouling is consistently rated as one of the most significant issues for local residents.

Dog fouling can end up on the soles of shoes, wheels of bicycles, wheelchairs and toys, spoiling other people's enjoyment of their neighbourhood and public places. It can also increase the risk of disease (Toxocariasis), which is harmful to humans.

Responsible dog ownership

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council welcomes responsible dog owners. To ensure that responsible owners are supported, Southend-on-Sea has adopted The Public Space Protection Order. These orders cover:

- Dog fouling
- Dogs on leads on public highways
- Dogs banned from the beach (between 1st May and 30th September) and childrens' playgrounds
- Powers to request owners to put their dog on a lead if it is creating a nuisance
- The requirement to walk no more than 4 dogs at any one time

Anyone found to be in breach of these orders could be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £150 or up to a £1000 fine at court.