



## Animal Waste Disposal Information Sheet

**Check the Kennel type(s) for which you are applying:**

**Note:** The following types require a [Health Remodel Application and Fee](#), with a letter from a septic system designer providing justification for your proposed use.

- Commercial Kennel or Cattery:** Any premises wherein a person(s) engages in the business of breeding and possible boarding, letting for hire, selling, bartering, or giving away dogs and/or cats.
- Boarding Kennel or Cattery:** Any premises wherein a person engages in the business of boarding cats and dogs for private pet owners, for all or part of a day, and for purposes other than veterinary medical procedures and observation. Any boarding kennel or cattery engaging in the business of breeding, letting for hire, selling, bartering or giving away any dogs and/or cats must be licensed as a commercial kennel or cattery.
- Grooming Parlor:** Any place or establishment, public or private, where animals are bathed, clipped or combed for a fee.
- Pet Shop:** Any person or establishment that acquires animals (dogs, cats, birds, fish, rodents, reptilians, primates, insects and any/or all others) bred by others, whether as owner, agent or on consignment, sells or boards any species of animals and offers to sell such animals to the public. List all species of animals to be sold:  

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**Note:** The following types will be checked for animal waste disposal options and generally will not require additional Health Department review.

- Hobby Kennel or Cattery:** Any premises where at least six, but less than twenty adult dogs and/or cats are kept for hunting, breeding, for exhibitions, organized events, field working or obedience trials. Any person(s) keeping more than ten dogs and/or cats must provide kennel facilities. Any person(s) or premise which exceeds the number or engages in practices beyond the definition herein for a hobby kennel or cattery, as determined by the enforcement agency, shall be subject to penalties and/or be required to purchase the appropriate license. The occasional selling of offspring shall not be construed as a commercial venture. All dogs and cats over the age of seven months shall be included as part of the kennel. *Note: A hobby kennel must have proof of activity (a bona fide membership in a purebred animal club, etc.)*
- Private Kennel/Cattery:** Any premises where at least six, but less than twenty, altered adult dogs and/or cats are kept as pets and not used for any other purpose than companionship for their owners. All pets are to be altered. *Note: Veterinary proof of each pet having been altered must be submitted with eh private kennel/cattery application.*
- Foster Shelter/Kennel/Cattery:** Any premises where at least six or more dogs and/or cats are kept and a person(s) provides temporary housing and care of owner released dogs/cats for the purpose of placing them into a permanent home. *Note: Must have acceptable evidence of involvement with a foster care group/organization.*

Water Supply? \_\_\_\_\_ Public Sewer or Septic System? \_\_\_\_\_

Animal wastes and manures are generally considered "solid waste" just like household garbage. This means that, like household garbage, wastes from kennels must be handled and disposed of properly to reduced public health, environmental, and nuisance concerns (such as odors). Several methods of dealing with animal waste are listed below. Other options may be acceptable if they do not cause health, environmental, or nuisance issues.

Animal waste should not be disposed of into your septic system.

**Animal Waste Disposal Options:**

Please check the method of animal waste disposal which will be utilized by your business. If you select "Other", please provide a detailed explanation of how the animal waste will be handled.

- Deliver to a permitted transfer station or landfill. A list of transfer stations and landfills is provided. Packaging the waste securely is important!
- Curbside collection with household garbage, if there isn't a substantial volume, may be allowed. Please contact your local garbage hauler for details regarding what they will or will not accept at the curb. Please note that double or triple bagging the wastes may be required. A list of local garbage haulers can be found at [Pierce County, WA - Official Website - Curbside Recycling & Garbage Service](http://www.piercecountywa.org/pals)
- Special service (a dumpster or fork box) via your local garbage hauler. Substantial volumes of animal waste may require this service, which can be arranged through your local garbage hauler.
- Composting. Although animal wastes and manures can be successfully composted, dog and cat manure generally are not composted. This is because some of the parasites and pathogens (infectious agents) in dog and cat waste can survive in the compost or in the soil, and potentially infect people. The Health Department does not recommend composting for managing these wastes. However, in some circumstances composting may be acceptable. In these cases, though, composted dog or cat wastes should never be applied to garden areas. Depending upon the nature and volume of the wastes, the actual composting techniques may vary. If done properly, composting should not cause excessive odor, should not attract rats or other rodents, and will reduce pathogens.
- Other, please specify:

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Kennel Name

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Applicant Name

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Applicant Signature

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Date