

Article 26 of the Rules and Regulations of the Sharon Board of Health

Pooper-Scooper Regulation

Adopted by Sharon Board of Health on 9/13/04

Authority

This regulation is promulgated under the authority granted to the Board of Health under Massachusetts General Law 111, section 31.

Rationale

The intent of this regulation is to protect the public health and welfare by requiring dog owners to remove excrement left by any dog under his/her control.

Requirements

It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his or her dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area of the Town of Sharon, or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person. However, this regulation shall not be applicable to a person while actually using a helping dog or other helping animal licensed as such.

Persons walking dogs must carry with them a device designed to dispose of dog feces. Such devices include, but are not limited to, plastic bags or "pooper-scoopers".

Violations and Enforcement

Violation of this Regulation shall incur a fine of \$25.00 for the first violation, \$50.00 for the second violation, and \$100 for the third and each subsequent violation within a calendar year.

Enforcement of this Regulation may be by the Animal Control Officer, any Police Officer, or Board of Health Agent.