

Petiquette – The proper way to control and handle a pet.

The board receives more comments about dog behavior than any other subject. The guidelines below address these concerns:

- When walking dogs in the neighborhood, they must be appropriately leashed and under control. If you know your dogs can be aggressive, keep the dogs away from people and other dogs.
- Always pick up dog excrement and take it with you. Do not leave it on top of or in other people's garbage bins, recycling bins, yard waste containers or anywhere else. The garbage men will not collect the bag unless it is inside a larger bag of garbage. Please take it home with you.
- Keep the dog on the easement (the strip of grass between the street and the lawns.) Do not trespass on other residents' property by allowing your dog to walk on neighbors' front lawns or gardens. Do not allow your dog to urinate on garbage cans, lawn decorations or mailboxes.
- Report issues of non-compliance and poor dog behavior to Oakland County Animal Control, 248.858.1090.

Useful resources and information can be found at:

<https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/behavior/etiquette-dog-owners>

Michigan Leash Law

Michigan has a 100-year-old statute stating you must leash your dog when it's in public and is very clear about dogs being under the physical control of their owner.

Both Bloomfield and West Bloomfield Township have detailed ordinances concerning dog excrement:

CODE OF ORDINANCES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sec. 8-23. - Sanitation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any dog owned, possessed or harbored by him to deposit fecal matter any place other than the premises where the dog is harbored or kept, unless such fecal matter is immediately collected and removed to the premises where the dog is harbored or kept. This section shall not apply to leader, guide, hearing and service dogs.

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Sec. 7-21. - Dogs in public places.

b. It shall be unlawful for an owner of a dog to fail to remove any excrement of the dog from land other than of its owner.