

## **Pick up waste in public, but what about the yard?**

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Although many towns have ordinances requiring pet waste to be scooped up immediately in public areas, few have ordinances regulating pet waste in private yards, which is where some local entrepreneurs have discovered a business opportunity.

Annette Doucette of Bedford, a former environmental engineer, has been running a poop scooping business for about a year.

“(Pet waste) is not only unsightly, but unhealthy,” said Doucette. “Pets and kids can track it into the house.”

She has about 50 clients, whose yards she visits every week or every other week, spending about 10 to 20 minutes scooping per half acre. “It depends on the size of the yard.”

Doucette’s business, called Poop, Scoop and Away serves the towns of Amherst, Bedford, Merrimack, Milford and Mont Vernon among others.

With the melting snow, business has been booming.

“I signed up five new customers just today,” Doucette said.

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