

## What is a protected watershed?

A protected watershed is where your drinking water comes from. The snow and rain from these canyons along the Wasatch Front provide about 60 percent of your drinking water supply. Dogs and other domestic animals are strictly prohibited from entering Protected Watershed Areas.\* Dogs and other domestic animals can transmit human disease when their wastes get into canyon waters. All watershed violations within designated watershed canyons are Class B Misdemeanors and are punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

*\* Exceptions are made for permitted dogs registered to canyon residents, ADA service animals, and officially sanctioned Search and Rescue animals.*



## What you see today, you drink tomorrow!

A drop of water at Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon takes 12 hours to reach the treatment plant at the mouth of the canyon. After this water enters the treatment plant, it will come out of your tap in your house 12 hours later... 24 hours from the top of the watershed to your faucet! Please help us keep your drinking water pure!



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### Watershed Regulations Enforced by:



Town of Alta Marshal



US Forest Service



Sandy City  
Police



Unified Police  
Dept.



Salt Lake  
City Police



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# Dogs and the Wasatch Front Watershed



## Places to take your dog.

Check local regulations and trail head postings regarding leash laws.

- American Fork Canyon
- City Creek Canyon  
*Dogs are not allowed above the water treatment plant, which is approximately three miles north of the canyon gate.*
- Dimple Dell Park
- Ferguson Canyon Trail
- Jordan River Parkway Trail
- Mill Creek Canyon (trails only)  
**ODD days: OFF-Leash**  
**EVEN days: ON-Leash**
- Mt. Olympus Trail
- Neffs Canyon
- Park City Rail Trail
- Parleys Historic Nature Park
- Rose Canyon/Yellow Fork
- Salt Lake City Foothills Natural Area
- Dogs are allowed in National Forest lands in Davis County (Farmington & Ward Canyons) and in the Stansbury Mountain Range near Tooele
- Dogs are allowed at all Utah State Parks except Rockcliff at Jordanelle. Dogs in State Parks must be controlled at all times by a leash no longer than six feet in length

**Pick up your dog waste.**

it's the law and there is no poop fairy!

## Why can't I bring my dog into a protected watershed area?

The four protected watershed canyons of the Wasatch Front (City Creek, Parleys, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons) receive millions of visitors annually. Dogs don't use restrooms, and lots of dogs would mean lots of dog waste in our drinking water. Dogs and other domestic animals transmit human disease when their wastes enter canyon waters. These illnesses can be deadly to humans and wild animals. The cleaner our water is at its source, the greater the benefits for public health.

## Why can wild animals leave their wastes in our watersheds?

Wild animals in their natural habitat do not live with humans, and are less likely to spread water-borne human illness.

## Why can't I leave my dog in the car?

First and foremost, for your pet's safety, it is never a good idea to leave them unattended in a vehicle. Temperature extremes that go hand in hand with mountain weather are dangerous for any animal left in a car. Second, as a dog owner, you know your pets need to go to the bathroom on road trips better than anyone. For these reasons and more, dogs are not allowed in vehicles within the protected watersheds.

## Wasatch Front

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