

CLEAN PARKS PROGRAM

*Please help to keep our parks clean
for the health, safety, and enjoyment of all*



1. Waste Clean-up is essential and required by law.

The problem of pet waste in our parks has become a major concern. Animal feces pose health risks for people and pets. To help responsible dog owners do their part, waste stations will be provided in parks open to dogs.

2. Dogs are required to be on leash.

Dogs must be on leash in accordance with town by-laws to insure the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of all community members.

3. Some parks are closed to dogs because of safety and health reasons.

Dogs are not allowed in the Lake Mansfield Beach Area, Olympia Meadows and the Memorial Field Park Complex as prohibited by regulation of the overseeing commission.



**Please respect the rights of all.
Obey park rules and town by-laws.
Infractions are punishable through fines.**

Lets keep our parks clean, safe and enjoyable for all!

The following bylaws set clear standards for dog care in public spaces, requiring that dogs be on leash and that they be cleaned up after in all public and private property not owned by the dog owner.

GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN BY-LAWS CONCERNING DOGS

Chapter 81, the Animal Control Bylaw, is Great Barrington's tool to help control one aspect of our health and safety all over town. The excerpts that follow pertain to dogs, their control (leashing) and waste clean-up (81-10 C. 2).

81-2 **Dogs required to be leashed.** (parts A & B of A through E)

- A. No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed to run-at-large within the Town of Great Barrington, including Housatonic. No person shall permit a dog owned or kept by him beyond the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless the dog is physically restrained by a leash, which shall not exceed six (6) feet in length.
- B. (in part)... dog must be leashed by owner on his property so as to keep dog from going beyond that property unless fencing or barriers provide secure confinement on the owner's property.

81-10 **Enforcement/penalties**

- C. Any owner or keeper who:
 - 1. violates the provisions of this by-law: or
 - 2. is the owner/keeper of any animal who shall be found by an Animal Control Officer to have defecated on private property other than that of its owner/keeper or on a public sidewalk or public lands;
 - 3. is the owner/keeper of an animal found to have bitten or injured any person, dog or other animal

PENALTIES: Violations of this bylaw, and the Parks and Recreation Commission conditions, will be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in MDL Chapter 40, Section 21D, and enforced by Police Officers and the Animal Control Officer. The following fines have been established by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission — \$10 first offense; \$20 second offense; \$50 third offense.

By-laws and regulations are available on the Town website: www.townofgb.org. Please check with the Animal Control Officer (413-528-1619 ext: 150), or Police Department (413-528-0306) if you have any questions regarding this bylaw and its enforcement.