

Gloucester City Council

Environmental Health Factsheet

PROBLEMS WITH ACCUMULATIONS: ANIMAL FAECES

Thank you for informing us about a problem with animal faeces. We are unable to visit every problem, so we are sending this factsheet to explain when we will consider further investigation.

Action can only be taken if it is possible to prove that the problem is bad enough to be a "statutory nuisance", or it can be shown to have already caused effect on someone's ill health.

If the problem is causing a smell that is so offensive that it, for example, prevents you from enjoying the use of your garden, it may be possible to require the person responsible to clean up. If this is the case it will be necessary for an officer to visit at a time when he/she can witness the problem. If appropriate a legal notice will then be prepared and served requiring the mess to be cleaned up.

If the mess is simply an eyesore there is very little we can do. For abandoned front gardens and the very worst of problems planning laws may be helpful. If you feel there may be a general problem of filthy conditions on the property concerned, it may be necessary for us to check whether anyone is likely to suffer health problems as a result.

If, after reading this, you feel that your complaint is something we can deal with, please contact us at the address below. It would help us if you could specify the name and address of the owner (if known). Supporting photographs would be appreciated if available.

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