



Self-Servicing Dog Bag Dispensers

The Highlands Ranch Metro District is initiating a new self-service dog bag dispenser program. Parks, Recreation and Open Space staff developed a new TRES dog bag dispenser that will be tested at several locations throughout Highlands Ranch. The self-service “bring one, take one” dispenser allows the District to accomplish three goals:

- Promote Stewardship – The Metro District encourages residents to be good dog owners by cleaning up after their pets.
- Implement Green Practices – The new dog bag dispensers provide an outlet to recycle grocery bags that currently are not accepted by local recycling companies.
- Reduce Costs – Replacing current dog dispensers stocked with purchased bags with a new self-service dispenser allows for a potential cost savings up to \$16,000 annually. The savings would be seen in dog waste bag and dispenser purchases. By encouraging park guests to bring and take unwanted plastic bags they have at home, these costs could be reduced or eliminated



Metro District staff will monitor these test sites through the remainder of the year and will determine project success through visitor feedback, use of the dispensers and signs of decreased pet waste in parks and open space.

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