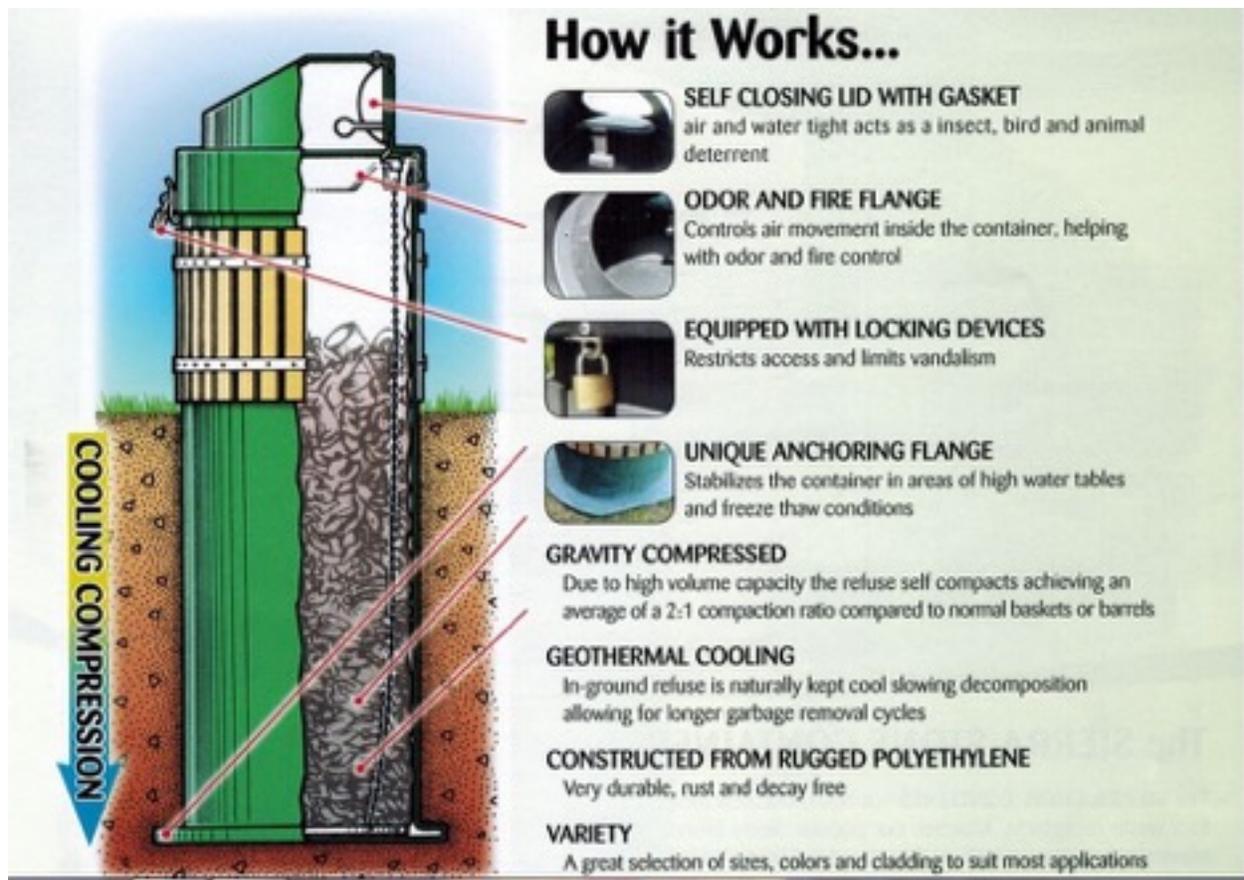


Handling Maple Grove Dog Park Waste

Maple Grove off-leash dog park is located on property owned by the City of Winnipeg. It is a heavily used space serving a wide area around its St Vital location. A lot of dogs and their owners come through the park on a daily basis, pretty well 365 days per year.

That means there is a lot of waste left at the park, and it's not only the obvious, the doggie waste.

During 2016, the City installed four large garbage containers. MGPDOA paid for these containers through a grant from the City. The City is serious about avoiding dog waste being left where it can carry germs that may cause sickness. And it's not an attractive look for the park.



The containers are large and heavy, lined with a huge heavy garbage bag that fits to the bottom of the container as shown in the picture. Thankfully, garbage is collected on an as needed basis by the City of Winnipeg maintenance crews. We are very grateful for the work they do for us.

When a city representative was asked for a quick *gestimate* on the amount of garbage, the answer was that they collected about 48-50 in-ground bags weighing about 150-200 pounds per bag. It takes a front-end loader and a truck to collect the garbage. Not an easy job.

We are also grateful to the anonymous donor who supplied the handles that are on the containers. Before they were installed, it could be a messy job trying to put something into the container. They make it much easier.

So, the moral of the story is this. If our members and visitors will pick up after their pets, and get it to one of these large containers, City maintenance workers will handle the rest.

If you want to know if it's an improvement, ask one of the volunteers who used to work on the "Poop Patrol". So please do your part in keeping the park clean.

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On behalf of the MGPDOA's Board of Directors
Using information collected through the year.