

Pet Waste

Stormwater Best Management Practices



Every time it rains, pet waste that is left on the ground can be washed into storm drains that carry it directly to our rivers and lakes without being treated.

- Pet waste contains bacteria which can cause disease in humans.
- Pet waste can be a major source of excess nutrients. Excess nutrients can cause alga blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't live in water with low dissolved oxygen.

What Can I Do?

- Clean up after your dog daily.
- Pick up waste when walking your dog.
- Carry plastic bags while walking your dog to pick-up waste and throw it into a trash can.

Still hate the deed?

Hire a poop collection service to do the dirty work for you.

Did You Know?

You can flush dog poop down the toilet. Unlike runoff after a rain, sewage from your toilet is treated to destroy dangerous bacteria.



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