

# Scoop the Poop!

Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas is washed by rain and melting snow into storm drains that carry it to our local streams, lakes and rivers. This can make water unfit for irrigation, recreation and other uses.



# The Scoop on Poop

Besides the effect on water quality, improperly disposed of pet waste can also put your health at risk. Pets, children who play outside and adults who garden are most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria such as E. coli and fecal coliform. Flies can also spread diseases from pet waste.



## Do Your Part

The job of cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your next walk.

Here are some ways to dispose of pet waste ...

- ▶ Put it in a plastic bag and throw it in the trash.
- ▶ Flush it down the toilet.
- ▶ Bury it in the yard.

## Make a Difference

- ▶ Always clean up after your pet.
- ▶ Never put pet waste down a storm drain.
- ▶ Encourage other pet owners to be responsible.

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