

Your Pet and Stormwater

"Keep It Clean, We All Live Downstream"



We all love our pets and want to take care of and protect them the best we can. As much as we love our pets, they can be messy. That's why it is important to clean up after your pet when walking them or playing with them outside, especially on the sidewalks, streets, and paved surfaces.

Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses, and parasites that are harmful to human health. When it rains, stormwater picks up the bacteria, viruses, and parasites carrying it to the storm drains. The storm drains carry the untreated run-off to our streams and rivers that serve as our water supply. Please help us in our mission to protect our waters! "Keep It Clean, We All Live Downstream"

What you can do to help:

1. Use a scooper and a plastic bag to clean up after your pet.
2. Make sure to seal the bag before putting it in the trash.
3. Always remember, clean water starts with you!
4. Municipal Ordinance 90.08 (B): "The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal(s) on public walks, recreation areas, or private property."

