



*Whether in your backyard  
or on the go, please...*

# **PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET**

Pet waste is a major source of pollution in local waterways. When it rains, pet waste and the bacteria it contains are washed into stormdrains and from there into our creeks and rivers...

***untreated.***

**IF IT'S ON THE GROUND  
IT'S IN OUR WATER**



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When pet waste is disposed of improperly, water quality isn't the only thing that suffers — your health may be at risk, too.

Adults working in their gardens, children playing outside and family pets are the most at risk of infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

## YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN.



Pick up pet waste from your yard. Remember, pet waste isn't fertilizer — it's a source of pollution.



Carry disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste in the trash. Wrap it carefully to avoid spilling during collection.



Contact your local parks department to inquire about providing pet waste bags in area parks, along trails and in public places where people frequently walk their dogs.



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