What You Can Doo...

► Pick up pet
waste from
your yard. It is
not fertilizer.



► Carry dispos-

able bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste in the trash.

- Flush your pet's waste down the toilet to be treated.
- ▶Pledge to DOO the Right Thing!

http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/program-areas/public_education/pet-DOO.asp



Pledge to DOO the Right Thing	
I,()	your name),
resident of	
pledge my family's commitment to DOO the Right	
Thing for the love of our pet and to protect our wa-	
ter quality, maintain a clean community an	d a healthy
environment by picking up after my pet. \	We are
committed to:	
\square Picking up after our pet when we go or	n walks in
our neighborhood or in the park.	
\square Picking up the backyard on a regular basis.	
\square Disposing of wastes in the garbage or b	y flushing it
down the toilet.	
For the love of	(your
pet's name)	(breed)
Signed by	
on this date	
One dog can make a difference!	
Complete the pledge and fax to 214.509.4590	



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Let's Talk About...
Pet Waste &
Water Quality



Help protect your water supply by picking up after your pet



Did You Know...

There are an estimated 74.8 million owned dogs in the United States.

That's 20.4 billion pounds of poop per year! When it rains, the potential exists for thousands of pounds of waste to wash down the storm drains and into our creeks and lakes—untreated!

That means that harmful bacteria associated with pet waste is going to our water.

Storm Water Runoff...

Storm water is water from rain. It flows from rooftops, through lawns, over paved streets and parking lots, across bare soil, and into storm drains to our creeks and lakes. As it flows, runoff collects and transports pet waste, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, litter, and other pollutants, which are major contributors to non-point source pollution.





Health Hazards...

Bacteria, parasites, and viruses contained in pet waste are a health hazard. Consider some of these:

- •Fecal Coliform—Found in the feces of warm blooded animals, this indicator bacteria is a potential health risk for individuals exposed to it in the water. A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.
- •Toxoplasmosis—A parasite carried by cats that can be a problem for people with depressed immune systems.
- •Salmonellosis—The most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans and other animals.
- •Toxocariasis—Roundworms, usually transmitted from dogs to humans.



Be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pet. It's a small price to pay to protect our water quality.





Other Problems...

Pet waste not only risks the health of other animals and people, it can cause serious water quality problems. Pet Waste is high in nutrients, which feed the algae that can choke out our creeks and lakes. The water becomes cloudy and green—unattractive for swimming, boating, and fishing.

Excessive nutrients are a major cause of water quality decline. When pet waste is washed into lakes and streams the waste decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish and other aquatic life.

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