

Approximately **37%** of households own dogs

= **140,121** dogs in the communities served by Stormwater SMART

That means **46,240 lbs** of dog poop daily

= **16,877,574 lbs** of raw sewage a year

That's equivalent to almost **844** dump truck loads of waste.



Please be a responsible pet owner



For more information on water quality and stormwater management, go to:

www.StormwaterSMART.org

or contact

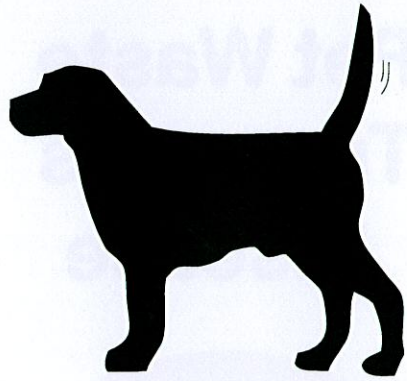
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Pet Waste Transmits Disease



Please protect our waters by picking up after your pet.





See Spot.

What Can You Do?

- Don't forget to bring a bag on your walks.
- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.
- Dispose of pet waste by tossing it in the trash or burying it in the back yard.

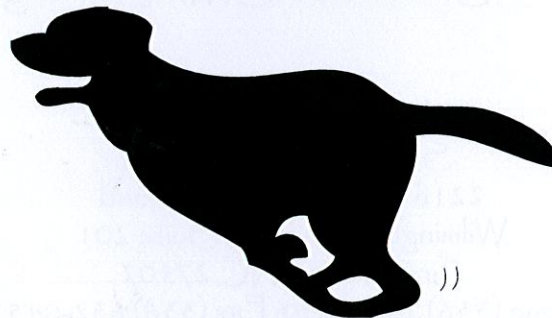
What's the Problem?

Pet waste is a big source of pollution in our waterways. When it rains, dog waste runs into storm drains, and then into streams and rivers and eventually our lakes and oceans

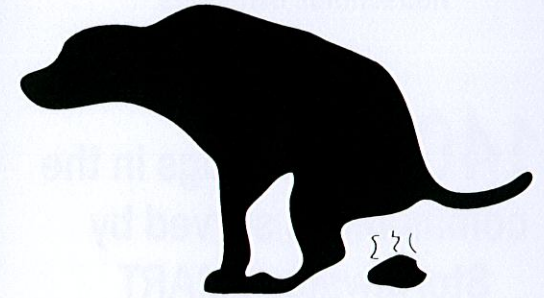
Dog waste contains roundworms, E. coli and Giardia. When it rains, harmful bacteria is washed into our storm drains and ends where we like to play. Next time you're thinking about getting your feet wet, think about what that water might have picked up along the way.

Dog waste also contains nutrients which cause algae to over populate. As algae break down, fish and other aquatic organisms are deprived of much needed oxygen.

Clean water is important to our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. Do your part in keeping our surface and ground waters clean!



See Spot Run.



See Spot . . . uh, oh.

Fast Facts...

- Pet waste is a health risk to animals and people, especially children.
- It is a nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick.
- Nutrients found in pet waste can cause algae blooms which may lead to fish kills.
- Unless people properly dispose of pet waste, it flows untreated through storm drains into our waters. Even if you don't live near a stream, your dog's waste can pollute our waters!