

**WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,  
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST  
GO ON THE LAWN.**



When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. Then it pollutes our lakes and rivers. So what to do? Simple. Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.

**CLEAN WATER IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US**

It's up to all of us to make it happen. In recent years sources of water pollution like Industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers and failing septic tanks. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too and that adds up to pollution solution!

**Why do we need clean water?**

Having clean water is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water and adds beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water – and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers and ground waters clean.

**What's the problem with pet waste?**

It's a health risk to pets and people, especially children. It's a nuisance in our neighborhoods. Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick. If it's washed into a storm drain, the bacteria finds its way into local waters making them unsafe for fishing and swimming. Unless people take care of it, the waste enters our water with no treatment.

**CLEAN WATER TIP:**

How can you get rid of pet waste and keep our waters clean?

Here are some options.

Scoop it up and flush it down the toilet. That's best because then the Waste Water Pollution Control facility or your septic system treats the pet waste.

Seal the waste in a plastic bag and throw it in the garbage.



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