

Oh Crap!!



What's the problem?

When you fail to clean up after your pet, the poop left on sidewalks and lawns is both unpleasant and a nuisance. But it can become an even bigger problem when it rains and is carried by stormwater into nearby rivers, lakes and streams. It can create a health hazard for people and can "doo" a lot of damage to the environment:

- A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which cause diseases in humans.
- Waters that contain high levels of bacteria and other pathogens from animal waste are unfit for human contact.
- As pet waste decays, it uses up oxygen that fish and aquatic life need.
- Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth in a river or lake, upsetting the natural balance.

Handy Tips

1. Put bags in the car or tie them to the leash, so you'll be prepared when you travel with your pet.
2. Place bags by the door so you don't forget them.
3. Talk to your family and friends about stormwater pollution and picking up after their pets!
4. Make use of "pet waste stations" in your neighborhood or local park.

Please pick up after your pet.

