

Pet Waste

Animal waste can easily be carried untreated by rainwater, untreated to the nearest stream or drainpipe. Pet waste contains many harmful bacteria. It is important to keep these bacteria out of drinking water sources and off the lawn. Disease causing bacteria can be harmful to your pet and your family. Pet waste can act as a fertilizer in the water system and promote the unhealthy growth of aquatic plants, including algae. The increased abundance of aquatic plant life can rob other aquatic life of much needed oxygen.

When walking the dog, take a plastic bag along. Pick up the pet waste and flush it down the toilet, where it will be properly treated. If flushing is not an option, dig a small trench in the yard, layer pet waste with leaves, grass clippings, and dirt. Do not put pet waste down the storm drain!



Where To Get Help for pet waste information

- Pet Waste and Water Quality;
http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/bay-wise/FS703-PetWasteAndWaterQuality.pdf
- Are You Polluting? Pet Waste and Water Quality;
<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/pet.pdf>
- Five Important Reasons to Clean Up Pet Waste;
http://www.drsfostersmith.com/Articles/clean_up_waste.cfm