

# Pet Waste and Water Quality: It's Not Just on the Lawn

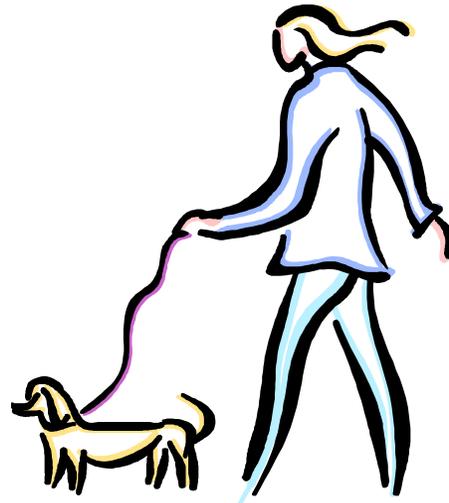
Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy, it is the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do.

## What is the problem?

Untreated animal waste can be a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients in water.

Just as we don't want human sewage in our water, it is important to prevent pet waste from being carried into our waterways.

Pet waste can be a source of water pollution when not disposed of properly. Waste can be carried by rain or snow runoff directly into nearby waterbodies or into storm drains.



## What you can do!

Follow these easy steps to be part of the solution to pet waste pollution.

1. Always carry a bag when walking a dog. Re-using old newspaper, wrappers or plastic grocery bags works well too.
2. Seal the bag and dispose of it in the trash.
3. Don't dispose of pet waste or pet waste bags in storm drains, near streams or lakes, or along the roadside.
4. Un-bagged pet waste can also be buried in the yard or flushed down the toilet.