

# Thanks for keeping it clean!

Dog waste left on the ground pollutes local streams and is a public health risk.

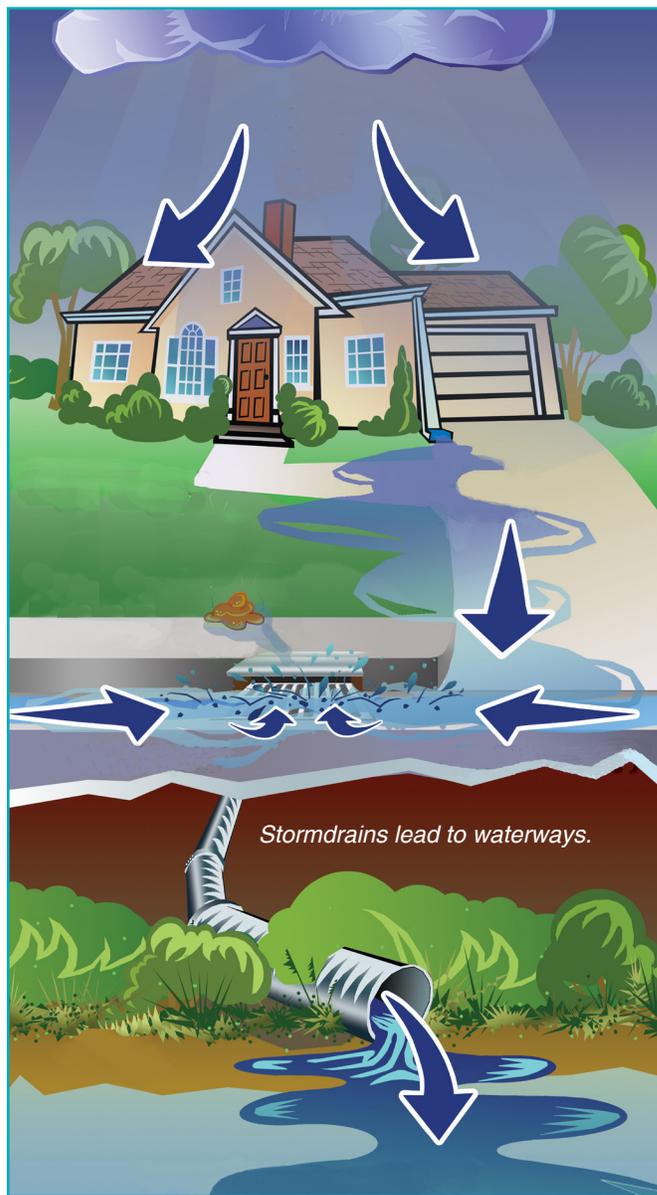
Dog waste carries high levels of harmful *E. coli* bacteria and other pathogens.

When it rains, the bacteria from dog waste washes into stormdrains that lead directly to local streams, ponds, and lakes. Water polluted with dog waste can cause serious illness in humans and wildlife.

## Dog owners—we need your help!

- Always carry a bag to pick up pet waste.
- Dispose of waste in a trash can—never in a stormdrain.

Leaving dog waste on the ground is unneighborly, a serious public health issue, and often times punishable by fines.



Pick up after your dog. Protect our water.  
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Bacteria and parasites from dog waste are a major source of pollution for water quality and human health. Health problems include:

- Campylobacteriosis: A bacterial infection that causes diarrhea in humans.
- Giardiasis: A protozoan infection of the small intestine that can cause diarrhea, cramping, fatigue, and weight loss.
- Salmonellosis: Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Toxocariasis: An animal to human infection that is caused by roundworms found in the intestines of dogs. The parasite can cause vision loss, rash, fever or cough, and is a particular threat to children exposed to parasite eggs in sand and soil.

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*An important message from your DPW.*

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Your Department of Public Works appreciates your cooperation in picking up after your pet and keeping our local waterways clean.

Learn how we are working to improve water quality in our town.  
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The Neponset Stormwater Partnership aims to reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of municipal stormwater management programs through regional cooperation and resource sharing.

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