



Dog owners—we need your help!

Dog waste that's left on the ground is a public health issue that YOU can help prevent.

When dog waste is not picked up by owners, rain water and snow melt washes the bacteria and parasites from the waste into storm drains, which then lead directly to local streams, ponds, and lakes.

Bacteria and parasites from dog waste cause water quality problems that affect drinking water resources, recreation, and wildlife.

Every time you walk your dog, please:

- carry a bag to pick up pet waste,
- dispose of waste in a trash can,
- never toss anything down a storm drain!

Not only is dog waste gross to look at, it can cause significant health issues, including:

- **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 & 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.

An easy way to avoid these health issues is to just pick up after your dog. It's a simple thing to do and it makes a big difference for all of us!

Your Department of Public Works thanks you for helping to keep local waterways clean.



Learn how we're improving water quality in your community.

YourCleanWater.org

Your city or town is part of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP), which aims to help communities reduce water pollution and save money while doing so.

For more information about NSP, please contact the Neponset River Watershed Association.
stormwater@neponset.org (781) 575-0354