

## Scoop the Poop

Pick up after your pet using approved biodegradable bags and properly dispose their waste in trash cans or pet waste stations.



## Designate a Potty Area

Train your pets to have bathroom breaks in designated areas with absorbent materials that can filter pollutants before they reach storm drains or water bodies.

## Practice Responsible Pet Bathing

Avoid bathing your pets directly on paved surfaces. Grass or gravel areas are best locations which can help infiltrate wash water into the ground instead of running off into drains and stream.

## Utilize Responsible Business

Consider using a professional pet grooming service that recycles water or treats wastewater responsibly.

Spread the Word !



Only Rain  
Down the  
Drain!

Educate your family, friends and neighbors on the importance of stormwater quality and the vital roles they can play.

## Contact

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PET WASTE



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



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## How Pest Wastes Enter Our Waters

• When it rains, stormwater runoff carry debris, chemicals, sediments and other contaminants and pollutants into our drains and are discharged into our waters.

• Stormwater can transport pathogens from pet wastes e.g. fecal coliform.

## Pet Waste & Stormwater Pollution

• Dogs and cats are not the only pets that produce wastes that can pollute or contaminate stormwater.

• Pet wastes are rich in nutrients.

- ⇒ Harmful Algal bloom.
- ⇒ Dissolved Oxygen depletion.
- ⇒ Fish kills.
- ⇒ Impact aquatic ecosystem.
- ⇒ Affects water quality.

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## Why is Stormwater Management Important?

- Polluted stormwater have serious Impact on human health.
- Properly managed stormwater improves water quality.
- Repaired natural ecosystems
- Stormwater infiltrates and replenish depleted groundwater aquifers.

## Does the Law Require I Scoop My Pet Poop?

- Improper disposal of pet waste is a violation of local regulation and/or ordinance in many jurisdictions.
- In DeKalb County, improper disposal of pet waste is a violation of County Ordinance No. 15-09 [Sec. 5-2(c)].



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