

Helpful Hints

- Leaving pet waste in your yard to decay can become a problem.
- To make sure water is not polluted by the waste, clean up waste from any areas near storm drains, ditches, wells and waterways.
- Always keep areas where children play free of waste.
- It is a good idea to wash your hands with soap and water after working or playing outside.
- Anyone who walks their dog off their own property should be prepared to clean up after their pet.



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Pet Waste and Water Quality

So, What's the Scoop on Pet Waste?



Get the Scoop!

Pet Owners, Beware!

Pollutants found in pet waste can transmit diseases and parasites to humans.



When rain washes pet waste into storm-water drains, pollutants are carried along to water bodies. Common threats to health are:

Campylobacteria, carried by dogs and cats. May cause a bacterial infection that frequently causes diarrhea.

Cryptosporidium, a parasite carried by dogs, cats and other mammals. May cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration.

Toxocariasis, roundworms transmitted from dogs. May cause vision loss, rash, fever or cough.

E. coli bacteria, found in the intestine of dogs. May cause cramping, diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration. Many waters in Brevard County suffer from elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria.

What You Can Do

Take along a plastic bag in which to put your dog's waste. Then you may choose to put it in the trash or take it out of the bag to flush it down the toilet.



Dispose of kitty litter properly. Use a two-step process to clean out

the cat box. First, scoop cat waste out of the litter and dispose of it in the trash. Then, when the litter is no longer usable, bag the litter and dispose of it in the trash, not in the toilet. Litter flushed down the toilet may damage plumbing.

Brevard County Ordinance

Ordinance 14-59 requires that "no animal shall be permitted to defecate or urinate on public property. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or person in control of the animal to dispose of or remove excretions caused by the animal." Taking responsibility for cleaning up after your pet. It can help to prevent pollution of local water bodies in our watershed. Scooping the poop every time your dog goes is the best way to be sure your dog's poop does not become part of the problem.



Remember, they can't pick up after themselves!