Keep Our Water Clean, Pick Up Your Pet's Waste!

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

When it rains, dog waste runs into storm drains and then into lakes, streams and rivers. Dog waste contains roundworms, *E. coli*, and Giardia. These can cause nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and more in humans. Excess nutrients found in dog waste cause algal blooms, which reduce oxygen in the water and can cause fish and other aquatic life to die.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Bring a bag with you on your walks to pick up after your pet.

- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.

- Dispose of pet waste by throwing it in the trash, burying it in the backyard, or composting it.

Protecting water quality through outreach, education & public participation since 2004.

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FACTS ABOUT DOG WASTE

- Pet waste is a health risk to animals and people, especially children.
- Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick.
- It is a nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Unless thrown away properly, pet waste flows untreated through storm drains and into our waters. Even if you don't live near a stream, your dog's waste can pollute our waters!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are about 404,480 dogs in the Piedmont Triad. These dogs make 133,478 pounds of dog waste, or 7 dump trucks full every DAY.

Each year 48 million pounds of raw sewage washes into our rivers, unless the dog owners pick up the waste.

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