

Helpful Hints

- Leaving pet wastes in your yard to decay can become a problem.
- To make sure water is not polluted by the waste, clean up any waste from areas near storm drains, ditches, wells and waterways.
- Always keep areas where children play free of wastes.
- 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.



Get the Scoop!

Use common sense to protect our community from pollution.

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Pet Waste and Water Quality

So What's the Big Deal
about Pet Waste?



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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 into natural 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 or dehydration.

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

What you can do



Take along a plastic bag in which to put your dog's waste. Then, you may choose to flush the waste down the toilet, wrap it and put it in the trash, or bury it.

Dispose of kitty waste and litter properly. Use a two-step process to clean out the cat box. First, scoop cat waste out of the flushable litter and, flush it down the toilet, taking care to minimize the amount of litter you flush. Then, when litter is no longer usable, bag the litter and dispose of it in the trash, not in the toilet. Large amounts of litter flushed down the toilet may damage plumbing. **Never** flush any kind of litter if you have a **septic tank!**



Don't feed waterfowl. Feeding birds bread and cereal is like feeding a child candy and soda. It may lead to health problems.

Brevard County Ordinance 14-59

This ordinance 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 can help to prevent pointless pollution of our watershed. Consideration must be made to determine the safest way to properly dispose of pet wastes.



Remember, he can't take care of himself!