

**IF YOU THINK
PICKING UP PET
WASTE IS
UNPLEASANT, TRY
SWIMMING IN IT!**



Why Should I Care?

- Pet waste contains harmful, disease causing pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, and parasitic worms that can be transmitted to humans. A single gram of dog waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.



- Pet waste decays, and once in streams, ponds, and rivers, uses up oxygen which is harmful to fish and other wildlife.



- Pet waste releases nutrients that promote the growth of algae and other nuisance aquatic plants.
- Our local water bodies are an important source of drinking water, fishing, swimming, recreation, and an integral part of the local ecosystem.



What Can I Do?

- To prevent waste from entering our streams and other water bodies, pick up after your pet while walking and from your yard regularly.



- To make the job easier, scoops, rakes, and bags are available in pet stores and online.



- Pet waste can be placed in your trash can and safely disposed of at the landfill, flushed down the toilet, placed in an in-ground pet waste digester, or a pet waste composter.

- If you would rather have someone else do the dirty work, there are a number of local businesses that specialize in pet waste removal.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART !

For more information, go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox/others/wiexpets.pdf>



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