

## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

When pet waste is disposed of improperly, water quality isn't the only thing that suffers—your health may be at risk, too. Adults working in their gardens, children playing outside and family pets are the most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.



### REMEMBER:

Storm drains are for rain...

...they're not pooper scoopers!!

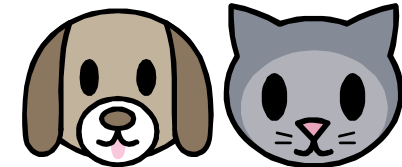


Thank you for helping to keep our waterways clean!!



PICK IT UP.....

IT'S YOUR "DOODIE"!



DON'T LET YOUR PET'S WASTE POLLUTE!

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HOW TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF PET WASTE.

## DOG AND CAT WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERSHEDS!

Pet waste left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The bacteria in the waste is washed down storm drains and into ditches, streams, lakes, and inlets, and can travel for miles in the water. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria such as E. Coli and fecal coli form. Waters that contain a high amount of bacteria are unfit for human contact. While it may not seem like a big deal if one more dog or cat “contributes” some waste to the neighborhood environment, think about how many animals there are out there!



- Clean up after your pets every single time. Encourage neighbors to do the same.
- Teach children how to properly clean up after pets.
- Take advantage of the complimentary waste bags offered in dispensers at parks and greenways.
- Reuse your plastic bags (bread bags, newspaper bags, grocery bags, etc.)
- Carry extra bags when walking your pet or when traveling . Offer extra bags to owners who are without their own bags.

## PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL



**Waste Pickup Bags in a Holder that clips onto your leash are a convenient way to ensure you are always prepared to clean up after your pet.**



## DISPOSE OF KITTY LITTER AND WASTE PROPERLY



Never dump cat waste and used kitty litter on the ground. When cleaning out the kitty litter box, a two-step approach is the most effective. Cat waste may be scooped out and flushed down the toilet,. After scooping out the waste, the used litter should be bagged, sealed securely and placed in the trash.



Dumping the entire contents of the litter box down your toilet may cause plumbing problems.



## “DOO” YOUR PART

- Always clean up after your pets!
- Help keep our waterways and environment safe and clean by reporting illegal dumping into the storm drain or sanitary sewer system, clogged storm drains, or overflowing man-holes by calling 540-983-0605 for Vinton or 540-772-2065 for County of Roanoke..

