

## Pick up After Your Pets

Protect the water by picking up after your pets. Rain and snowmelt wash pet waste off our lawns and into storm drains. Storm drains empty into nearby waterbodies untreated. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria (ex. *E. coli* and salmonella) and added nutrients (ex. Phosphorus and Nitrogen) that can cause unsafe conditions in our water bodies. Contaminated water can cause illness and contribute to algae growth. Sometimes high levels of contamination require beach closures.

Always pick up after your pet! Use a plastic bag to pick up dog and other pet waste. Dispose of it in the garbage. Remember to pick up dog waste in your yard too!

