

Protect Our Rivers! Scoop the Poop!

What's the Problem?

- Did you know that there are 89.7 million dogs in the United States? One gram of dog poop can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria that can cause diarrhea, cramping and intestinal illness.
- When you leave your dog waste on the ground, these bacteria can get into our local rivers, streams, and lakes when it rains.
- Pet waste can be very harmful to plant and animal life in our rivers and cause algae blooms, decreased oxygen and introduction of non-natural bacteria sources. No one likes green water!



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Helpful Tips:

- ◆ Always carry a doggy bag with you on walks to pick up waste.
- ◆ If you know it is going to rain, plan to pick up your dog waste in your yard.
- ◆ Remember that even if your dog poops far away from a water source, storm water runoff can carry the waste directly into streams and rivers via the storm water drain system! Help do your part to keep our waterways clean!