



Rain, snow melt, and lawn sprinklers will wash dog poop from lawns and road sides into ditches and catch basins. These lead directly to local streams, ponds, wetlands, and the lake. Dog poop is full of bacteria that can make people sick and it can transmit diseases to other dogs. Dog waste is also a source of water pollution. The bacteria can make water unsafe to drink or swim in. Nutrients from dog poop feed the growth of aquatic plants and algae. As these decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic life need to survive.

What Can You Do?

- Always clean up after your pet.
- Carry plastic bags when taking your dog for a walk or to the park.
- Pick up your dog's waste using a plastic bag, scoop, or disposable glove.
- Seal the waste inside the bag and dispose of it in the trash.
- Pick up dog poop in your yard every few days.

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