

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP #33



DID YOU KNOW dog waste from 1 large dog can contain 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria?

Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy; it is the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. Pet waste has been identified as a significant source of water pollution. When pet waste is not properly disposed, it can be carried by rain or snow runoff directly into nearby storm drains.

Untreated animal fecal matter and wastes can become a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients in water.

Follow these easy steps to be part of the solution to pet waste pollution for the Corsica River and the Chesapeake Bay:

1. Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog.
2. Use the bag as a glove to pick up the pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around the waste.
3. Dispose of the bag in a trash can.
4. You can also flush un-bagged pet waste down the toilet.
5. Do not place the bagged or un-bagged pet waste in a storm drain or hose the pet waste towards storm drains as they drain to the Corsica River Watershed.

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