

# WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN, REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST GO ON THE LAWN.



**When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. And then pollutes our waterways. So what to do? Simple. Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.**

- Scoop up pet waste. As long as the droppings are not mixed with litter or other materials, flush it down the toilet. This is best because then your community sewage treatment plant or your septic system treats the pet waste.
- If local laws allow it, droppings may either be buried or sealed in a plastic bag and put in the garbage.
- Never dump pet waste into a storm drain or catch basin.
- If your community does not regulate pet waste (e.g. "scooper" law), try to make it a priority of your local governing body. Encourage your community to adopt a "Pooper-scooper" ordinance.
- Parks should provide pet waste stations for collection and disposal of waste.
- Check to see if the parks in your community have them.



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