

A RESOURCE GUIDE:



Picking up your pet's waste to
PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



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WHAT happens to pet waste when it is left on sidewalks

Pool owners may be tempted to discharge chlorinated or saline pool water into the street and gutter that leads to a storm drain. However, the purpose of the storm drain system is to protect against flooding and water damage by quickly removing rain water from our streets. This water gets no treatment and may ultimately drain into creeks, lakes, and rivers. Northwest Arkansas has ordinances and programs to reduce pollutants into our storm drains and why the disposal of chlorinated or saline swimming pool water to the storm drain systems is prohibited. Remember to dispose of unwanted pool chemicals as household hazardous waste.

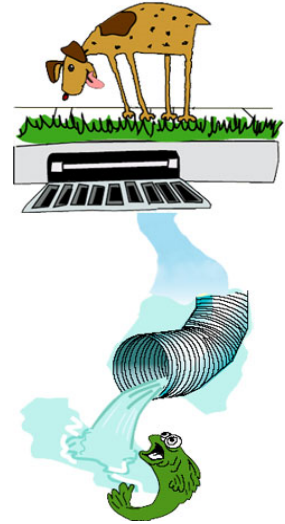
For more information, visit Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Education Program at UofA Cooperative Extension Service at www.uaex.uada.edu/nwastormwater or 479.444.1755

What SHOULD you do with pet's waste TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

NO



- Do not leave pet waste on the ground.
- Do not compost and use in vegetable gardens.
- Do not think of pet waste pick-up as a chore. It is your opportunity to help protect water!



WHY



- Pet waste contributes to bacterial contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams.
- Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth which can upset water's natural balance.
- Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and pathogens.
- When pet waste decays, it uses oxygen, depleting it from other fish and animals.
- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pet waste can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans, called zoonoses.

YES!



THROW IT AWAY

- Pick it up or scoop it
- Bag it and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Most parks and trails have pet waste stations for proper disposal.
- Pay attention to the locations of the stations to maximize the likelihood of use.

YES!



FLUSH IT

- Empty the pet waste into the toilet and flush like any other waste.
- Do NOT flush the bag.
- Contact the waste water treatment plant if you have any questions.

STATS



PET WASTE - By the Numbers

- The average dog produces around 8 ounces, or half a pound, of waste each day.
- A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, nearly twice that of human waste.