



What is grosser than picking up dog poop?

Stepping in it! What's even grosser than that? Swimming in, fishing from, and drinking water with dog poop in it.

So, please, do your “doodie” and Scoop the Poop.

BRING IT!

Always carry a plastic bag, or two, when you walk your dog.

BAG IT!

Use the bag as a glove, scoop the poop, turn the bag inside out, and seal.

DISPOSE IT!

Place the used bag in a trash can (never in a storm drain). Or, flush the scooped poop (unbagged) down the toilet.

Why Should we Give a Bark?

PET WASTE IS POLLUTION!

When rain or snow melt runs over the land it can carry pet waste along with associated bacteria and nutrients into surface waters. This polluted runoff is an example of *Nonpoint Source Pollution*.

PET WASTE IS A HUMAN HEALTH RISK!

Pet waste contains bacteria that may be disease-causing, along with Giardia, roundworms, Salmonella, viruses and parasites. These harmful microorganisms can make water unsafe for drinking and swimming, and can expose children, adults and other pets to disease.

PET WASTE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL RISK!

Pet waste is a source of nitrogen and phosphorus. In large amounts, these nutrients can encourage runaway growth of algae and aquatic weeds, which can impact the health and quality of our waters.

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