

WHAT YOU CAN DO . . . ABOUT **PET CARE**



Not only can animal waste left on the ground be awful if stepped on, but when it rains, harmful bacteria are carried to our waterways.

***Help keep our rivers, lakes,
and beaches clean***



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How can I keep harmful bacteria out of our lakes, rivers, and beaches?

- **Dispose of it promptly and properly**
Whether in your yard or on a walk, promptly dispose of your pet's waste in the trash.
- **Pick up before lawn watering**
Pick up after your pets before watering your yard or cleaning patios or driveways. Don't use a hose to clean pet waste off driveways or sidewalks.
- **Share the message**
When at a dog park, community meeting, or talking with your friends, spread the word about the positive impact picking up after your pet can have on water quality.
- **Don't treat ducks or geese as pets**
Feeding ducks and geese may seem harmless but, in fact, can be a nuisance to people and harmful to our water. Feeding waterfowl causes them to become dependent on humans. This, in turn, creates unnaturally high populations and problems in parks and lakes. Waterfowl waste can pollute our water with harmful bacteria.

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