



Remember, you're not just walking the dog...

PET WASTE MANAGEMENT



Clean up after your pet

Did you know that pet waste has bacteria that can make our waterways unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities?

That happens when pet waste left on sidewalks or grassy areas gets washed into the storm drains or roadside ditches that lead directly into our streams, creeks, and rivers, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

Remember, "Scoop the poop!" Follow the tips on the back of this card for simple way to keep our waterways clean.

THINK BAY!



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PROMPT AND PROPER DISPOSAL - Whether in your yard or on a walk, promptly dispose of your pet's waste in the trash or down the toilet where it will be properly treated. When pet waste is left behind, it washes into storm drains and ditches. From there it heads straight to our waterways taking harmful bacteria with it.

SIMPLY ENJOY THE VIEW - Watch and enjoy the ducks and geese, but avoid feeding them. Feeding ducks and geese may seem harmless, but, in fact, can be harmful to our water. Feeding waterfowl causes them to become more dependent on humans which, in turn, creates unnaturally high populations and more animal waste. This waste contains bacteria that pollutes our parks and lakes.

SPREAD THE WORD - Tell others how they can help protect our streams, creeks, and rivers. Also, work with your local community to install signs, bag dispensers, and trash cans in convenient public places to remind others to clean up after their pets.

Find more clean water tips at www.aarivers.org

