

# PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATER



## PICK IT UP!

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Proper disposal of pet waste is important to everyone's health and to the quality of our water.

Pet waste that's left behind on lawns, sidewalks and curb sides gets into the storm drains in the streets. Then it's washed into our rivers and Lake Michigan.

Pet waste contains:

- Illness causing organisms
- Bacteria and
- Nutrients

These nutrients encourage weed and algae growth. When the waste and weeds decay they use oxygen and sometimes release ammonia, which is a deadly combination for fish.

The weeds and algae make it hard to enjoy swimming, boating, and fishing. And the organisms and bacteria make it unhealthy.

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A few simple ways you and your pet can keep our waters clean:

- Don't leave pet waste behind in a park, along a sidewalk or in the street.  
Carry a pooper scooper or a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. Pick up after your pet and throw it in the garbage.  
After you pick up pet waste, try flushing it down the toilet.



If you don't care to be part of the effort to keep our waters clean, we remind you that City of Milwaukee ordinance Chapter 78-19-3 prohibits leaving pet waste behind on public and private property. Violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$200.

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**CLEANER**

**RIVER**

P R O J E C T

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