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Be a responsible pet owner and scoop that poop

Being a pet owner comes with many responsibilities, and let's be honest, they aren't all fun! Even though picking up pet waste is not anyone's favorite task, it is undoubtedly better than swimming in it.

What's the problem with pet waste?



Pet waste that isn't picked up washes into nearby storm drains in the street and directly into our lakes, rivers, and streams with no filtering. This waste adds excess nutrients into the water, which can cause algae blooms leading to beach closures in the summer.

Pet waste also pollutes the water with harmful bacteria such as E. coli. Bacteria in the water can harm our health and transmit diseases to pets and wildlife.

The solution is easy!

Although we don't love to talk about it, picking up your pet waste is a big deal. Not only does it make you a responsible pet owner, but it helps protect water quality and public health. Not to mention, it's the law. Help keep our waters safe for swimming and fishing by scooping that poop!

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