

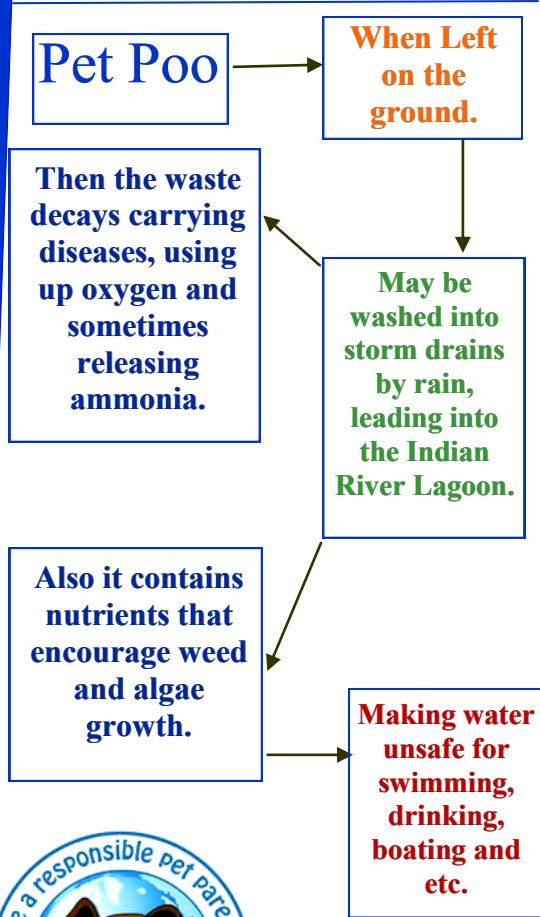


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STOP "Poo"llution Scoop the Poop

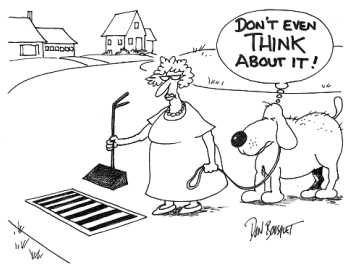
It's just a little
Poo...Right?



Stormwater Runoff Pointless Personal Pollution

In recent years the source of water pollution from industrial waste from factories have been greatly reduced. It's hard to believe but approximately 60% of water pollution comes from things like runoff coming from washing cars, fertilizer from farms, gardens, lawns, and PET WASTE. Small sources add up to a big pollution problem. So believe it or not our common households are the biggest water pollution problem, not industry. Since they are small sources we can do small things to eliminate the problem and clean up our waterways. And it starts by realizing that our sewers and storm systems are separate-what goes into storm drains flows directly into the Indian River Lagoon.

Cleaning up pet waste is a great way to be a responsible pet owner. Cleaning up pet waste is good for your health and the environment! When it rains pet waste left on the ground, gets washed into storm drains and stormwater drainage ditches which flow straight to the Indian River Lagoon...without being treated! YUCK! Bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health. So not only is picking up after your pet being responsible and neighborly, it is the healthy thing to do for you and the environment. Remember to clean up pet waste in your own yard as well.



What to do with Pet Poo?

1. Scoop the Poop, bag it, and put it in the garbage.

This is the preferred disposal method. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as pet waste.

2. Flush it down the toilet.

If you have City water then the water from your toilet goes to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant where all pollutants are removed.

If you have a **septic system**, then **do not** flush pet waste down the toilet. Flushing pet waste can potentially exceed the design capacity of the septic system.

DO NOT FLUSH CAT LITTER!