



PICK IT UP

PREVENT POLLUTION !

- Pick up after your animal by sealing its waste in a plastic bag and disposing of it in a trash can.
 - Keep your dog on a leash when walking along creeks and wetlands.
 - When dogs are allowed on trails, it's not an invitation to have them poop in the weeds. Don't try and hide it! When rangers "weed whip", the equipment scatters dog poop throughout the area.
 - Dog waste contributes nearly 20% of bacterial contamination in urban watersheds.
 - One gram of dog waste (the weight of a business card) contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, almost twice as much as human waste.
- E. coli, salmonella, and giardia, can be spread through the feces of dogs.
 - Animal waste causes the release of nutrients and promotes algal growth, which can reduce oxygen levels and affect the health of fish and other aquatic organisms.
 - Animal waste contains parasites such as roundworm and hookworm that will remain in the soil for many years. Hookworms may be transmitted from soil or feces to people walking barefoot.
 - Never hose animal waste into the storm drain. All storm drains flow directly to local creeks, the bay, or ocean.
 - Cleaning up after your pets is an easy way to promote a healthy neighborhood - and watershed.

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