

Approximately **37%** of households own dogs

= **1,785** dogs in Elon

That means **589 lbs** of dog poop daily

= **215,003 lbs** of raw sewage a year

That's equivalent to almost **11** dump truck loads of waste.



For more information on water quality and stormwater management go to:

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Pet Waste Transmits Disease



Please protect our waters by picking up after your pet.





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What Can You Do?

- Don't forget to bring a bag on your walks.
- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.
- Dispose of pet waste by tossing it in the trash or burying it in the yard.
- Aerate your soil to improve absorption and prevent runoff.

What's the Problem?

Pet waste is a big source of pollution in our waterways. When it rains, dog waste runs into storm drains, and then into lakes and streams and eventually our streams and lakes.

Dog waste contains roundworms, E. coli and Giardia. When it rains, harmful bacteria are washed into our storm drains and ends up in our streams, rivers and lakes. Next time you're contemplating getting your feet wet, think about what that water might have picked up along the way.

Excess nutrients cause algae blooms which deprive fish and other aquatic organisms from much needed oxygen.

Clean water is important to our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. Do your part in keeping our surface and ground waters clean!



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What's the Problem?

- Pet waste is a health risk to animals and people, especially children.
- It is a nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick.
- Nutrients found in pet waste can cause algae blooms which may lead to fish kills.
- Unless people properly dispose of pet waste, it flows untreated through storm drains into our waters. Even if you don't live near a stream, your dog's waste can pollute our waters!