

Approximately **37%** of households own dogs

= **404,480** dogs in the Piedmont Triad

That means **133,478 lbs** of dog poop daily

= **48,719,616 lbs** of raw sewage a year

That's equivalent to over **2,436** dump truck loads of waste.



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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. Unlike human waste, pet waste goes into our lakes, rivers, and streams untreated. Even if you don't live near the water, pet waste can be picked up by stormwater and transported through stormdrains.

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.

Decaying pet waste consumes oxygen and may release ammonia into the water while excess nutrients may cause algal blooms. Algal blooms 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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Fast Facts . . .

- 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!