

After Your Pet Goes, Where Does *It* Go?

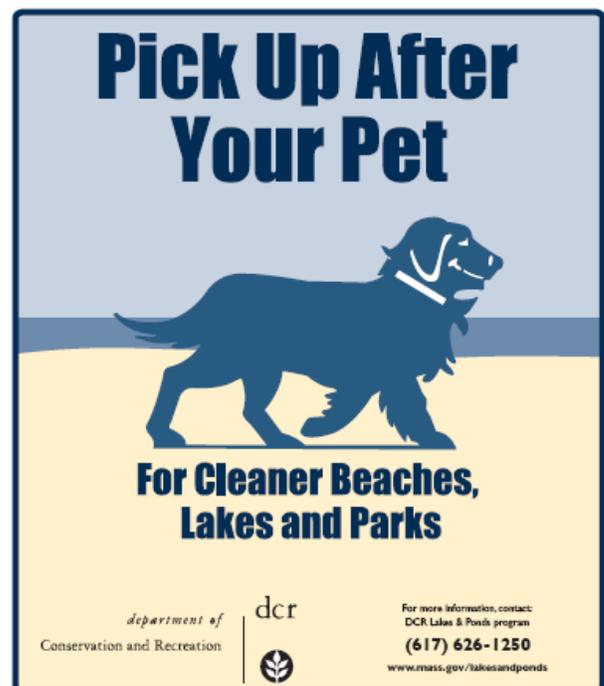
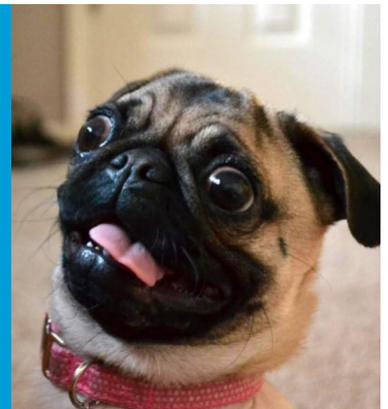


Every time it rains the potential exists for thousands of pounds of pet waste to wash down storm drains and into streams, rivers and lakes. If not disposed of properly, pet waste flows directly into nearby streams and creeks without being treated at wastewater treatment facilities.

Pet waste is a major source of water contamination and contains harmful bacteria and parasites. Dog feces can contain fecal coliform bacteria, which can spread diseases like Giardia, Salmonella, and Campylobacter, causing serious illness in humans.

Be a responsible pet owner and clean up your pet's waste every time. **Never dispose of pet waste in a catch basin, which flows directly into our waterways.**

Did you know...
Your dog's waste contains 2 ½ times the amount of bacteria as yours?



Pick Up After Your Pet

For Cleaner Beaches, Lakes and Parks

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You Can Make a Difference!

It's Against the Law!

Not only is leaving your pet's waste on the ground bad for the environment, it is also illegal! Chapter 8, Section 37 of the Town of Winchester Code of By-laws forbids residents from leaving animal waste on public or private property not owned or occupied by said person. **Failure to comply with the by-law can result in a fine up to \$175.00.** It pays to pick up after your pet!

Did you know...

Water entering storm drains empties directly into streams, lakes and rivers, without treatment? Never put anything except rain water down a storm drain.



What Can I Do To Help?

-  Clean up after your pet every single time, on walks and in the yard.
-  Dispose of the waste properly in the trash or toilet. Pet waste digesters are also commercially available.
-  Carry extra bags when walking your dog and share them with other pet owners who are without.
-  Keep extra bags in your car so you are prepared when you travel with your dog.
-  Tell friends and neighbors about the harmful effects of animal waste on the environment. Encourage them to clean up after their pets as well.

For More Information on Stormwater:

Visit the Town of Winchester website:
www.winchester.us/466/Stormwater-Tips

Other helpful resources:
www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org
www.mysticriver.org/stormwater

