

Pet Waste

When it rains, there is potential for rainwater to wash thousands of pounds of pet waste down storm drains and into area creeks, streams and rivers. Remember - if it is on the ground, it is in our water.

Pet waste is not only a threat to water quality, but to public health as well. There are bacteria and micro-organisms in pet waste such as roundworms, E.coli and giardia that can make people sick if they're ingested. Adults working in their yards, children playing outside and family pets are all at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up pet waste when walking your dog.

What you can do:

- Scoop the poop! Pick up pet waste from your yard. It is not a fertilizer.
- Carry disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste. The City of Warson Woods provides disposable bags and waste receptacles at locations throughout the city – especially near all City parks and popular walking routes.
- Bury waste in the soil at least twelve inches deep and cover with at least eight inches of soil to let it decompose slowly.
- Bury the waste in several locations and away from vegetable gardens.
- Wash your hands after exposure to pet waste.