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A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO WATERSHED FRIENDLY PET CARE

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns.

Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.

Remember: storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

Stormwater runoff from lawns and sidewalks carries animal waste into our storm drains and out to our rivers and lakes. This is a source of bacteria that is harmful to human health and a source of excess nutrients that have a negative effect on water quality. Here are some simple tips to help keep our beaches and water clean.



DISPOSE OF PET WASTE



Whether in your yard, on a walk, or at the park, promptly pick up and dispose of your pet's waste in the trash.

PICK UP BEFORE WATERING THE LAWN



Pick up pet waste before watering your yard, cleaning patios or driveways.

SHARE THE MESSAGE



When at a dog park, community meeting, or talking with your friends, spread the word about the positive impact picking up after your pet can have on water quality.

DON'T TREAT DUCKS AND GEESE AS PETS



Feeding ducks and geese may seem harmless but it causes them to rely on humans for food and creates high populations. This increases the amount of animal waste produced, polluting our waters and beaches with harmful bacteria and excess nutrients.

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