

# WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN, REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST GO ON THE LAWN.



## What's the problem with pet waste?

It's a health risk to pets and people, especially children. It's a nuisance in our neighborhoods. Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick. If it's washed into the storm drain and ends up in a river, lake, or stream, the bacteria ends up degrading water quality. People who come in contact with the water can get very sick. The waste produced by the dogs and cats in the Tri-County Region is about the same as what the population of East Lansing - about 50,000 people - would produce. Unless people take care of it, the waste enters our water with no treatment.

**Clean water is important to all of us. Together we can make it happen**

**When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. This waste then pollutes our waterways.**

**So what should you do? It's as easy as 1-2-3.**

**1. Bring a bag. 2. Clean it up. 3. Dispose of the pet waste properly.**

Your actions can help keep our water clean. Find out how.  
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