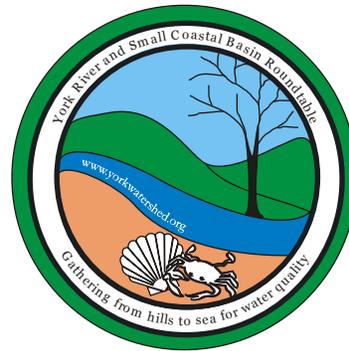
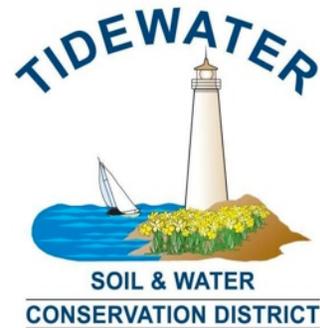


Pet waste isn't just smelly and unsightly — it's a health risk to pets and people, especially children.

Set a good example for your neighbors by cleaning up pet waste and making your community a better place for everyone!



SCOOP THE POOP  
for Cleaner Creeks...  
Cleaner Streets...  
and Cleaner Feet!



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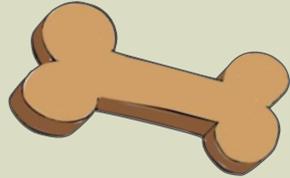
# Scoop the Poop!

A Quick Guide to  
Pet Waste Management



"I can see it, but I still need your help to scoop it!"

When it rains, pet waste left on trails, sidewalks and grassy areas can wash into the nearest waterway. Even if you can't see signs of water near you, the pet waste washes into storm drains and travels to your neighborhood creek or lake untreated.



Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, rendering the water unfit for recreation or other uses.

It takes only one teaspoon of dog feces in a water body the size of an Olympic pool to make the water unsafe for swimming. Pet waste also contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae in creeks and lakes. Excess nutrients are a major cause of the decline of the Chesapeake Bay.



“Thanks for helping me be more neighborly.”

Please,  
scoop the poop.  
It's the **healthy**  
and **neighborly**  
thing to do!

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## How You Can Help

1. **Bring It!** Carry a scooper bag on dog walks.
2. **Scoop It!** Use the bag like a glove, scoop the poop, invert and seal the bag.
3. **Toss It!** Scooper bags belong in the trash.

## How to Spread the Word

- \* Install a pet-waste bag station in your neighborhood or other popular dog-walking areas.
- \* Submit articles to community websites on the importance of picking up after pets.
- \* Ask local veterinarians and pet shelters to provide bag holders for new pet owners.