

Pet Waste & Water Quality

Why woof-woof waste is harmful to our lakes, streams, and wetlands.



What's the problem?

Pet waste is unlike wildlife scat. Due to immunizations, pet waste contains a bundle of hookworms, salmonella, E. coli, and more. It's an official nonpoint pollutant according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

This means that rain washes it off the land's surface and delivers bacteria and excess nutrients to water bodies. Canine-sourced E.coli has been detected in Lambert Creek, which drains to Vadnais Lake.

100 average-sized dogs can produce up to 27,375 lbs. of waste annually. An estimated 40% of pet waste in the US is not picked-up!*

What can you do?

- Always pick up pet waste and dispose in trash.
- Be ready for surprise pick-up duty. Create good habits to have baggies on hand.
- Spread the word – “It'll just break down” or “my dog is small” are not excuses.



**Thank
you!**



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