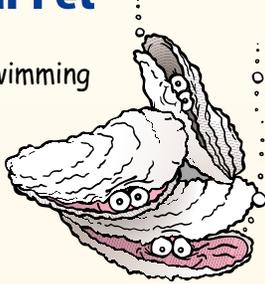


More Good Reasons to Pick Up After Your Pet

Keep shellfish beds and swimming beaches open.

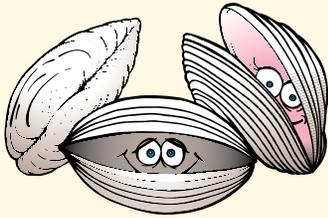
Create a clean, sanitary play area for family activities.



Prevent messes from pet waste being tracked indoors.

Avoid fines. The deposit of animal waste on public property (including sidewalks, parks, and streets) is punishable by a fine in the Cities of Lacey, Tumwater, and Olympia.

Ensure a healthier environment for us all!



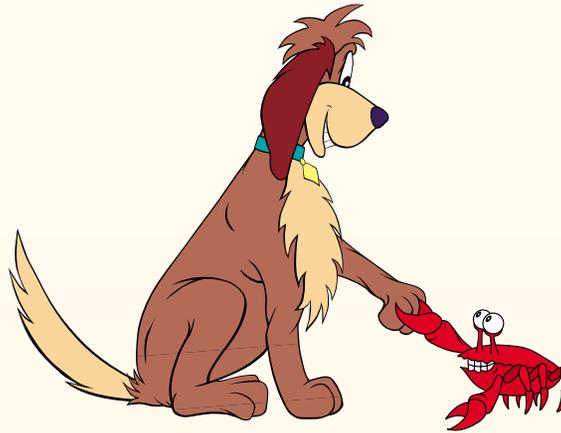
Tips for Bagging It

Keep a supply of bags near your dog leash.

Reuse old bags: plastic newspaper bags, bread bags, or sandwich bags.

Or, purchase special bags where pet supplies are sold.

Tie bags on the leash if you don't have a pocket or pack.



Thank you for helping to keep our waters clean!

For more information on shellfish protection and tips on cleaning up after your pet, contact:

**Thurston County Public Health and Social Services
Environmental Health Division
360-754-4111**

(TDD line 360-754-2933)

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/shellfish/>



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Don't Let Your Pet Pollute!

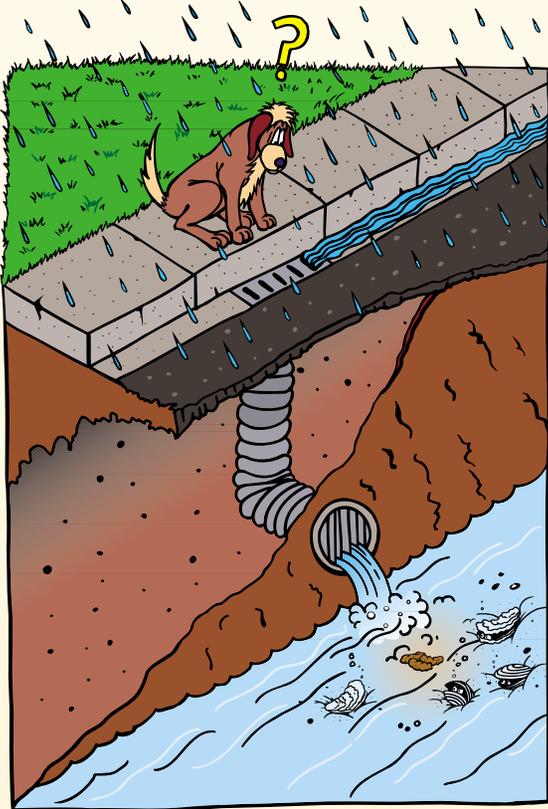
How to Safely Dispose of Pet Waste



Dog and Cat Waste Pollutes Our Watersheds!

Dog poop left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The bacteria in dog waste is often washed down storm drains and into ditches, streams, lakes, and inlets, and can travel for miles in the water.

Kitty litter dumped outside can also be washed into streams. The bacteria in pet waste can make it unsafe to harvest shellfish or swim in our waters.



A little pet waste goes a long way: a day's waste from one large dog can contain 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria, enough to close 15 acres of shellfish beds!

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

1 When Walking

Bag It Bring plastic bags with you when you walk your dog. Use a bag to pick up the dog waste. Tie bag closed and place in trash.



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2 Options at Home

Trash It Double bag dog waste or kitty litter, tie securely and place in garbage. Long-handled "pooper scoopers" available at pet stores make it easy to pick up after your dog without stooping over.
OR...

Flush It Flush dog and cat waste down toilet if you are on a sewer system (not on a septic system). Kitty litter should not be flushed because it can clog your toilet.

