

## Stormwater Management (MS4) Education Topic:

### PET WASTE:

Picking up after your pet every single time is important because it is a source of disease and an environmental risk.

According to the U.S. EPA, 95% of fecal coliform found in urban stormwater was of non-human origin. And just one gram of dog waste contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria!

Follow these steps to be part of the solution to pet waste contamination.

1. Always carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. You can re-use old grocery or newspaper bags.
2. Using the bag like a glove, you pick up the waste, turn the bag inside out around the waste, tie it in a knot and dispose of it in a trash can. Another option is flush unbagged pet waste down the toilet.
3. Do not place the bagged or unbagged pet waste in a storm drain or hose the pet waste towards storm drains-they drain directly to a stream, river, lake or other waterbody.