



PET WASTE



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

Pet waste left on streets, pavements, yards, driveways, or along the sides of roads does not magically disappear or fertilize the ground. Improperly disposed animal feces can be picked up by storm water runoff and carried into storm sewers. Storm sewers do not connect to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment facilities, so pet waste can be the cause of significant water pollution and present health risks to adults, children and other pets. Unlike water that enters the sanitary system from our sinks and toilets, water that enters the storm system is not treated before entering the waterways in Hamilton.

Why Do I Need To Pick Up After My Dog?

- Abandoned pet waste contains a host of diseases and/or parasites, which can infect other dogs or be transmitted to people who might step in it and track it home.
- Rain and garden runoff may wash pet waste into the waterways in the City of Hamilton, creating public health issues.
- It is the law! Just like littering, it is unlawful NOT to pick up after your pet

What Can You Do?

- Scoop up pet waste. As long as the dropping are not mixed with litter or other materials, remove it from the bag and flush it down the toilet. This is the best option

because the City of Hamilton's Wastewater Treatment Plants and your septic system can treat the pet waste

- Bag your pet's waste and put it into the trash
- Never put pet waste into a storm sewer
- Encourage your neighbours to pick up their pet waste



**More Questions – Please Contact the City of Hamilton's Project Manager –
Pollution Prevention at (905)546-2424 Ext 5190**