

## KNOW WHAT'S GROSSER THAN PICKING UP DOG POOP?



Stepping in it. Know what's even grosser than that? Swimming in, fishing from, and drinking water that has dog poop in it!

[Please pick up after your pooch](#)

For more information, please visit  
[www.swmpc.org/water.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/water.asp)  
or call the SWMPC at (269) 925-1137 x 25.

Cleaning up pet waste is good for your health and the environment! Seriously. Bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health. Pet waste left on the ground, especially near street and sidewalks, get washed into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow to your local waterway...without being treated! Not only is picking up after your pooch the neighborly thing to do, it's the healthy thing to do...for you and the environment!

keep it **BLUE**  
 only rain in the drain

**DID YOU KNOW?** Now, more than 60% of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, failing septic systems, and fertilizers from lawns, gardens and farms. All these sources add up to a **BIG pollution problem**. But each of us can do **SMALL things** to help clean up our water – and that adds up to a pollution solution!

### 10 *Small* Things You Can Do to Protect Water Quality at Home

- 1- NEVER dump anything down storm drains.
- 2- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads.
- 3- Avoid pesticide use.
- 4- Take unwanted chemicals to a hazardous waste collection site.
- 5- Check for and fix car leaks and recycle motor oil.
- 6- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- 7- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- 8- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- 9- Pick up after your pet and throw the waste in the garbage.
- 10- Inspect and pump septic tank systems regularly.



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