

WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,

REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST GO ON THE  
LAWN...



When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. This pollutes our waterways. So, what can you do? Simple. Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.

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## BE A PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION! HELP CLEAN UP THE STORMWATER IN NEWARK.

### WHY?

Clean water is of vital importance for our health, economy, and environment. It exists in very limited supply. All of us benefit from clean water – and all of us have a role in protecting our creeks and tributaries in Newark. By protecting water quality here in Newark, we are not only helping to improve our quality of life, but also the quality of life for the rest of our neighbors and animals who call the Delaware Estuary their home. The Delaware Estuary is where the river meets the sea, and it is a vital ecosystem.

### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The largest contributor of stormwater pollution is diffuse, or “non-point” sources like cars leaking oil, fertilizers washing off of fields, lawns, and gardens, and failing septic systems. Even ordinary activities around the home, like cleaning up after a pet, can make a difference.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Scoop up pet waste. As long as the droppings are not mixed with kitty litter or other materials, you can flush it down the toilet. This is the best disposal option because a sewage treatment plant or your septic system safely treats the pet waste.
- You can also bag your pet's waste and put it into a trashcan.
- Pet waste can be buried in the yard by digging a hole at least 6 inches deep and away from gardens, water bodies or play areas. The soil microorganisms help to break down and digest the waste.
- Do not put pet waste on the vegetable garden or compost pile.
- Never put pet waste into a storm drain.
- When walking your dog, always carry a plastic bag with you to pick up your pet's waste.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on stormwater runoff pollution prevention, call the City of Newark at 302-366-7040, or visit our website at:  
<http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/NPDESstormwaterprogram>

**In Newark: Only Rain in the Storm Drain**



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