



county of san diego

pet waste



Let's All Do Our Part!

Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our creeks, lakes, and beaches, directly affects them and their families.

We're Here To Help.

Pet waste contains bacteria, parasites, and viruses that can pollute our waterways. If pet waste is not picked up it can enter the storm drain and reach our waterways where it can cause illness in humans. The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing pet waste from entering the storm drain**.



Water that is released to the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County is NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- When going for a walk, **pick up after your pet**.
- **Carry extra bags** when walking your pet, bag the waste, and put it in the trash.
- In your backyard, **clean up pet waste at least weekly**.
- **Always dispose of bagged pet waste** to a trash can or dumpster!

***Thank you for doing
your part to protect
our waterways.***

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