

**WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,**

**REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST**

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When your 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.

Thanks to the Washington State Department of Ecology, King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle, and Tacoma.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- 💧 Scoop up pet waste. As long as the droppings are not mixed with litter or other materials, flush it down the toilet. This is best because then a sewage treatment plant or your septic system treats the pet waste.
- 💧 Bag your pet's waste and put it in the trashcan.
- 💧 Never put pet waste into the storm drain.
- 💧 If your community does not regulate pet waste (e.g. "scooper" law), try to make it a priority of your local governing body.
- 💧 Encourage your neighborhood to provide pet waste stations for collection and disposal of waste. Check to see if the parks in your neighborhood have them.

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