When nature calls, make sure you pick up.

With the number of dogs in your community, imagine how unhealthy it would become if no one picked up after their pets. Dog waste carries bacteria, and if left on the ground, can make people sick. It can also wash into storm drains, polluting your community and local waterways. Dog owners can help prevent pollution by taking these simple steps:

- ❑ Pick up after your pet every single time. Check with your pet store for products that make picking up easy.
- ❑ Throw away pet waste in the garbage; never wash it into the gutter or storm drain.
- ❑ Carry extra bags in your car, so you are prepared when you travel with your pet.
- ❑ Get involved in a pet group and remind others to pick up after their pets.

To learn more ways to keep your neighborhood and waters healthy and clean, visit **www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp**

Erase the waste

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