How pet waste makes its way to the ocean

Pet waste left on the beach, street, or lawn runs off into our rivers, streams, and storm drains and eventually enters the ocean untreated.

Bacteria can also persist and regrow in sand, sediments, and algae mats long after the source has been removed.

For more information visit: www.mainehealthybeaches.org

What to Do With Doo

Clean up after your pets and do your part to keep our water resources healthy!
Did you know...?

13 million tons of human waste is found in nearly twice the fecal coliform than is contained in 23 million tons of dog feces.

Just one gram...

The Bottom Line

Preventing pet waste from making its way into our water resources is an easy way you can help keep our beaches healthy and safe for swimming.

What to do

Pick it up with a plastic bag and place in a trash can or proper receptacle.

Flush it down the toilet.

Bury it in your yard.

Do not use on vegetable gardens and other decorative plants.

Compost for use on flowers.

Don’t put any type of bag in the toilet.

Unsafes bacteria levels in pet waste contributes to... The Inside Scoop.

Bacteria Levels:

Symptoms that can occur:

- Infections (eyes, ears, skin rash)
- Chills and fever
- Stomach cramps
- Diarrhea
- Nausea

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