

# Doo Good

## Pick up dog doo. Protect streams.

*Dog doo can pollute stormwater. Rain and melting snow flows across yards and trails, collecting in stormdrains that lead directly to streams (without being treated!)*

### Bacteria Problems

A single gram of dog doo can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria and can spread diseases like Giardia and Salmonella. Bacteria from dog doo accounts for up to **20%** of the bacteria in urban waterways.

### Nutrient Problems

Nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus that are found in dog doo act like a fertilizer in streams. They cause algae to grow which reduces the available oxygen for fish. The more poop, the bigger the potential problem.

### Be a "Doo Gooder"

You can make a difference by being a responsible pet owner/guardian. Being a "Doo Gooder" means being a model for others and picking up your dog doo. Here are **5** tips every Doo Gooder should know:

- Be prepared: carry poop bags with you.
- Take extra bags so you don't run out (and you can help someone in need).
- Make sure the bag ends up in a trash can.
- When you hike, never leave a bag on the trail – there's nobody designated to pick them up!
- Pick it up at home (or hire someone to do it) to keep your yard healthy and to protect streams.



## PICK IT UP

Dog waste has been cited as the **3<sup>rd</sup>** largest contributor of bacterial pollution in urban watersheds. Keep the poop from washing into stormdrains. Pick it up and Keep it Clean!

