

# You are the solution.

Picking up after your dog helps keep you and your family healthy and our waterways clean. You can stop poo-llution.

## How?

1. Bring a bag on every walk.
2. Bag the poo and tie the bag tight.
3. Toss the bag in the trash.

Allowing pet waste to enter our storm drains is considered an illicit discharge. To report illicit discharges, call the **Stormwater Hotline** at **706-614-1282**.



# Stop water pollution.



Contact us at **706-613-3440** or **stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com**.

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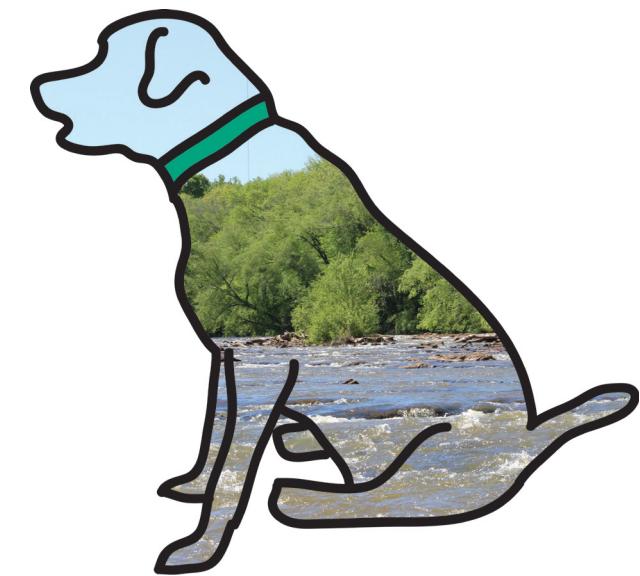
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# Stop Poo-llution.



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**Pet waste is a threat to our streams and rivers. Help keep Athens-Clarke County waters clean by being a responsible pet owner and picking up after your pet.**

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## Meet Lucy.



Lucy is one of the many dogs that live in Athens-Clarke County. She likes to go on walks, visit local dog parks, and demand attention.

While Lucy's waste is not enough to hurt our health or our waterways, the waste from many dogs is. Urban areas, such as Athens, need to address pet waste because they have more waste than natural areas.

The combined impact from all of these dogs can harm our health and our water.

## What's the problem with pet waste?



When it rains, stormwater runoff travels along sidewalks and roads, picking up pollutants, such as pet waste, on its way to the storm drains. From there, it flows directly into our waterways.

### Pet waste can:



kill aquatic life and disrupt stream habitats as it decays by using up oxygen necessary for plants and animals to survive.



contain bacteria and parasites, such as *E. coli* and roundworm, which can make people sick.



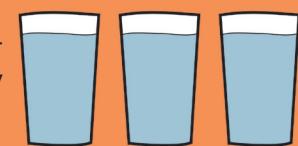
contain nutrients plants use, leading to large algae growth. The algae uses up oxygen necessary for animals and more beneficial plants to survive.

### When our waters are polluted by pet waste:

we can no longer use our waters for swimming or fishing.



plants and animals struggle to survive.



drinking water treatment is more costly and difficult.

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poo-llution.