



PET WASTE & WATER POLLUTION

has adopted and enforces an ordinance that requires the immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by that pet owner or keeper. See for more information about the ordinance.

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, reservoirs and the ocean. Pet waste contains bacteria and other microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms, and parasitic infections and can negatively impact the waterbodies where people swim, boat, and fish.

In addition, pet waste contains high levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth potentially resulting in Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). As this excess algae and plant life are broken down the waterbody can be robbed of oxygen or produce toxins that severely effect its ability to support aquatic life. HABs can result in skin rashes upon contact and also kill humans, pets, and aquatic life in the area if those waters are ingested.

PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL

Flush it down the toilet.
But do not flush it if it is in bags or nonbiodegradable items or it can clog your sewer pipes

OR

Put it in the trash.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO
KEEP NEW JERSEY'S WATERS
CLEAN**



FOR MORE INFO

See the Pet Waste Ordinance:

- **NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program at <https://dep.nj.gov/njpdcs-stormwater/municipal-stormwater-regulation-program/>**
- **EPA Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution at www.epa.gov/nps**