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## PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL

### **MSD Project Clear**

MSD Project Clear partners with St. Louis County and 59 local municipalities to comply with the Phase II Stormwater Regulations. Together, we actively work to reduce pollutants picked up and carried by stormwater to local bodies of water through the St. Louis region.

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## THE PROBLEM

Pet waste left on the ground mixes with stormwater runoff every time it rains or when it snow melts. The stormwater runoff then becomes contaminated from contact with pet waste and carries pollutants into the storm sewer system. The storm sewers drain the water directly to our area creeks and streams without treatment.

Dogs are major contributors to pet waste in our environment. However, all pets can contribute to the problem.

### Pet Waste Pollutants

- *Bacteria*: Pet waste contains E. Coli bacteria and other pathogens which are a health threat in our waterways.
- *Oxygen demand*: As pet waste decays, it uses up oxygen in our waterways that fish need.
- *Nutrients*: Ammonia and nitrogen in pet waste promotes unhealthy algae growth in our waterways.

## THE SOLUTION

- Put pet waste in a sealed bag and place in the trash
- Flush down the toilet (Do not flush plastic bags or cat litter)
- Bury waste in the soil at least 6 inches deep (Do not bury in a garden)
- Comply with city ordinances that require the clean-up of pet waste

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