

Pet Waste and Stormwater Pollution

Ever thought that pet waste left abandoned on the ground is harmful to our environment?

- Rainwater can collect and deposit pet waste from every street, parking lot, sidewalk, driveway, yard and garden into a storm drain or catch basin that drains to the nearest body of water.
- Pet waste contains nutrients that can promote the growth of algae in the St. Lucie River.
- Pet waste contains bacteria and disease-causing parasites that can make nearby waterways unsafe for fishing, wading, and swimming after storms.
- In areas with very porous soils, such as our city, pet waste can also reach groundwater that is used for drinking water.

Think again before you decide not to pick up after your pet!

- Pick up after your pet.
- Encourage other pet owners to clean up after their pet.
- The City of Stuart has “Dogi Pot” stations in many locations throughout the city that provide biodegradable plastic bags for your convenience to collect your pet’s waste.
- Dispose of pet waste in the trash or a place reserved for pet waste.
- Never hose pet waste into the ground or use it as fertilizer. It can find its way into ground water sources.
- Pet waste contains diseases and parasites that can infect other pets or humans who come in contact with it.

The City of Stuart Public Works Department encourages you to please pick up after your pets and dispose of pet waste properly.

