



**MY HOME IS YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY!**

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Common pollutants such as oil, grease, salt from roadways, pesticides in grass clippings, sediment from construction sites, car detergent, pet waste, cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles, impair waterways - discouraging recreational use, contaminating drinking water supplies and interfering with habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms and wildlife.

Most of the pollutants are preventable and can be kept from entering our waterways.

Help us protect our water so we all may enjoy this valuable natural resource.

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PET WASTE

**Act now and do your part to prevent
pet waste from contributing to
non-point source pollution in our
waterways.**



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.WISHTHEFISH.COM

PET WASTE

Pet waste can have significant impacts on water quality by contaminating water supply and harming aquatic organisms through run-off as non-point source (NPS) pollution.

NPS pollution occurs as water moves across the land or through the ground and picks up natural and human-made pollutants, which then can be deposited into our many waterways through storm drain systems.

The water that carries NPS pollution may originate from natural processes such as rainfall and snowmelt, or from human activities such as crop irrigation, lawn maintenance, car washing, etc.



Can you see the potential NPS pollutants in this picture?

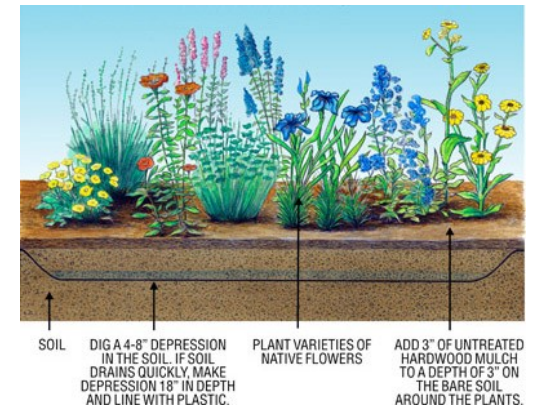


**ATTENTIONS CITIZENS:
MY HOME IS AT RISK AND YOU CAN HELP! BELOW ARE SOME TIPS FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION.**

- **Flush pet waste down the toilet** in a bio-degradable bag so that it may be sent to be treated at our Wastewater Treatment Facility. Check out this flushable bio-degradable bag company for details.
http://www.flushdoggy.com/why_flush_poops.html
- **Throw pet waste away in a tied or sealed bag** into the trash. Try and use bio-degradable bags when possible.
- **Routinely pick up your animal's waste in your yard** to prevent chances of infectious disease and parasites being spread or transmitted from animal to animal or even animal to human.
- **When walking your dog** please remember to bring along a bag or pooper scooper to pick up after your pet.
- **Pet waste is high in nutrients** and though you may think you are fertilizing your yard it can lead to those nutrients flowing to our waterways and encouraging algal blooms and harming aquatic habitat.
- **Dig a deep hole and bury pet waste** in your yard away from high traffic areas, vegetable gardens and waterways. When pet waste is buried microorganisms will have a chance to help break it down in a less transmittable and safer manner.
- **Do not put pet waste in your compost pile!** Very few compost piles will have the right elements and ability to break down pet waste without the danger of spreading infectious disease or parasites.

References: (TAPP) Think About Personal Pollution's website www.tappwater.org and www.flushdoggy.com

GO GREEN BY BUILDING A RAIN GARDEN IN YOUR YARD!



- A rain garden can absorb 30% more water than the same size area of lawn.
- Catching rain water in a rain garden allows it to slowly filter and percolate back into the groundwater.
- This means less rainwater becomes stormwater run-off; which can pick up NPS pollution and carry it to the nearest waterway damaging our drinking water and aquatic habitat.
- Catching your rainwater in a rain barrel or directing it to a rain garden is a great "GREEN" way of preventing NPS pollution from leaving your yard.
- For more information, downloadable rain garden designs and to register your rain garden or barrel visit us at:
 - WWW.RAINGARDENREGISTRY.COM