

A Present for You!



What is it?

It is a bag dispenser that attaches to your dog's leash! It was provided by your pet owners in your watershed by DelDOT, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), and the Appoquinimink River Association. We encourage you to clean up after your pet at home, and everywhere else you go with your best canine friend. Refill packages of these biodegradable bags are available at all major pet supply stores.

What is Your Doggy Doo Doing?

Pet waste isn't just a nuisance when it is left on the ground. It is actually harmful to water quality when it gets washed into storm drains, creeks and rivers with rain or melting snow. A measurable percentage of bacterial pollution in our water comes from dog waste. Water contaminated with disease causing bacteria is not only a threat to aquatic life, but to human health as well.

Clean Water Begins and Ends With You!

You can **"doo"** something to keep your neighborhood clean and water safe by taking the following actions:

- ▶ Pick up after your pet. Flushing pet waste down the toilet is best, because it goes to a waste treatment system, just like human waste.
- ▶ If flushing your pet's waste down the toilet is not a viable option, bag your pet's waste and put it into a trash can. Never put pet waste into a storm drain because they connect directly to our streams and rivers!
- ▶ Encourage your neighbors to use bags or pet waste stations for the collection and disposal of dog waste.



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