



# The Scoop on Pet Poo.

## It's just a little Poo ... Right?

**Pet Poo**

**When left on the ground.**

Then the waste decays carrying diseases, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia.

**Maybe washed into storm sewers by rain. Leading into our lakes.**

Also it contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth .

**Making water unsafe for swimming, drinking , boating and etc.**



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## What to do with pet poo?



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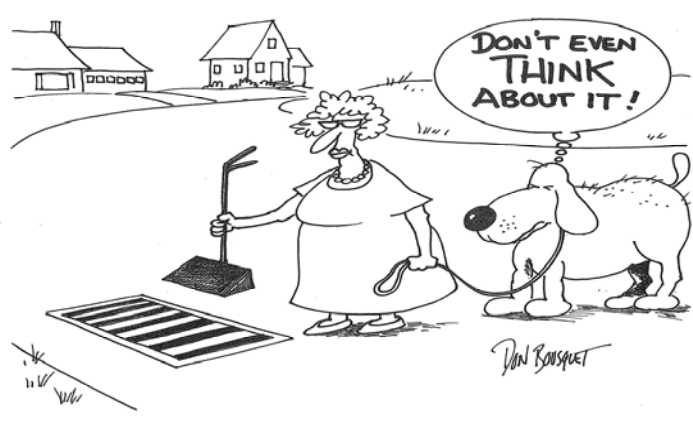
**1. Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash (garbage).** This is the preferred disposal method. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste. Many people already place their dog waste in the trash because it's convenient. Some hide it in the trashcan because they think it's prohibited. Don't worry! It's allowed. If you are already placing it in the trash, **keep up the good work!**



FLUSH

## **2. Flush it down the toilet.**

If the water from your toilet goes to a sewage treatment plant it removes pollutants before the water reaches a lake or stream. *If you have a septic system, then do not flush pet waste down the toilet. Flushing pet waste can potentially exceed the design capacity of the septic system.*



Why can't you use pet waste as a fertilizer?

If you said...Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses, and parasites that are harmful to the health of humans, animals, and the environment. You were right!

**Yikes!**

Did you know that the bacteria found in pet waste poses health risks to you, me and your community?



Osceola County has an Illicit Discharge Ordinance in place; prohibiting pet waste from entering the stormwater system.

If you witness an illicit discharge:

**Please call (407) 742-8653**