

When your pet's waste is left on the ground, it gets carried by stormwater to local creeks and, eventually, to the Cumberland River, the source of our drinking water. Dog waste is a major cause of *E.coli* in Nashville's waterways, and this bacteria can pose a serious health risk to humans and wildlife if contaminated water comes in contact with an open wound or is ingested.

## What to do with dog poo?



Pet waste can be placed in a bag and tossed into the garbage can. Landfills are specially designed to protect ground water from trash related pollution.

Placed in the toilet by itself (no plastic bags), pet waste goes where other waste goes - to our waste treatment plants or into your septic system.





Dog waste can be safely composted with an inground pet waste disposal system. The systems use enzymes to safely decompose the waste. Dog waste cannot go in regular household compost.

