WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN, REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST GO ON THE LAWN.

Greater Lansing Regional Committee For Stormwater Management

What's the problem with pet waste?

It's a health risk to pets and people, especially children. It's a nuisance in our neighborhoods. Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick. If it's washed into the storm drain and ends up in a river, lake, or stream, the bacteria ends up degrading water quality. People who come in contact with the water can get very sick. The waste produced by the dogs and cats in the Tri-County Region is about the same as what the population of East Lansing - about 50,000 people - would produce. Unless people take care of it, the waste enters our water with no treatment.

Clean water is important to all of us. Together we can make it happen

When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. This waste then pollutes our waterways.

So what should you do? It's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Bring a bag. 2. Clean it up. 3. Dispose of the pet waste properly.

Your actions can help keep our water clean. Find out how.
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