

## Did you know?

- 3.6 billion pounds of pet waste produced yearly in the US would fill 800 football fields, one foot high!



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# Clean Water Begins with You and Me!



# Pet Waste

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# Bag all pet waste, and throw it in the trash!

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## What to do?



### 1. Bag it.



### 2. Toss it!

## Fact or Fiction?

Fiction: It's natural!

Fact: Pet waste is not manure; dogs are carnivores which means their waste contains acidic proteins that will burn your grass rather than fertilize it.

Fiction: It doesn't hurt anything to leave it on the ground.

Fact: The EPA classifies pet waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.

Fiction: It dissolves in the rain.

Fact: A pile can take over a year to fully break down.



## Need another reason?

Pet waste is a breeding ground for flies and parasites like ringworm, even after the pile is long gone. When you come in contact with the soil by walking barefoot or gardening, you risk picking up those parasites and bringing them into your house.