## PROJECT POLLUTION PREVENTION

Project Pollution Prevention is a partnership of the County of Orange and the 34 cities of Orange County. Project Pollution Prevention's mission is to eliminate pollution from our water resources by educating businesses and individuals about what they can do to ensure we leave a legacy of clean water for future generations.

Project Pollution Prevention is part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), a program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency intended to keep our environment safe for everyone by stopping storm water pollution.





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# PREVENTING POLLUTION FROM PET WASTES



SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

"THE OCEAN STARTS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR"

A joint project of the City of Fullerton and the County of Orange

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Did you know the water that runs off your property and from the streets runs directly to the ocean without treatment? Anything that runs down the gutter will eventually end up on our beaches and in our coastal waters. That's why we have to keep pollutants out of the drain system.

Pet wastes left in the environment introduce solids, bacteria, and nutrients to the storm drain. In fact, high bacterial levels are the most common cause of beach closures in Orange County. Most of this bacterial pollution comes from animal waste.

Small quantities of waste are best disposed with regular trash or flushed down a toilet. Large quantities of pet wastes may be composted for subsequent use or disposal to landfill.

Pick up after your pet! It's as easy as 1-2-3. I) Bring a bag. 2) Clean it up. 3) Dispose of it properly (toilet or trash).

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Preventing dangerous runoff from pet wastes is simple. Just doing the things listed below will ensure you protect the environment.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO.....

The following suggestions were developed to give you some ideas on how you can safely dispose of pet wastes. They're common sense things that don't take a lot of time or cost a lot of money, but can do a lot to prevent water pollution.

- Pet waste should not be put in storm drains or gutters. And don't just gather waste in a pile because rain or other water can wash pollutants into the drain system.
- Deposit pet waste in the regular nonrecyclable trash or flush small quantities down the toilet.
- Don't flush kitty litter down the toilet—it can clog your sewer pipes and cause a sewer back-up.

- Take a bag and gloves with you when you walk your pet. Pick up waste and throw it away when you get home.
- If you own a horse or other large animal, remove manure from unprotected ground at least daily, and dispose of it so it can't come into contact with rain or irrigation run-off water.
- Proper composting of pet waste is always an option.
- If you bury pet waste in the backyard, line the hole with thick plastic sheeting first so waste runoff can't leach into ground water.

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