



## Help keep our water clean – Throw dog waste in the trash!

You hate stepping in it. And fish hate swimming in it. Dogs produce a lot of waste which, if not disposed of properly, can end up in our waterways. Do your part to keep our waters and public areas clean and healthy!  
Bag your pet's waste and throw it in a trashcan.

DO



DON'T



### Did you know that the average dog can produce nearly a pound of waste each day?

- Pet waste left on lawns and in public spaces is not only unsightly - it can be quite harmful, too.
- Pet waste contains TWICE as much bacteria as human waste!
- If left in your yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.
- Adults and children who come in contact with pet waste can get sick.
- When washed into storm drains and waterways, it makes the water unhealthy for people and wildlife.
- Pet waste in waterways can cause algae to grow, making the water turn an unpleasant green color.

### Please pick up your dog's waste in both public areas and in your yard.

To help keep our waterbodies clean and to comply with **Lynnfield's By-Law Chapter 115-4**, always carry a plastic bag or other collection means with you when you walk your dog and be sure to pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in a trash can. Citations and penalties between \$25.00 (first offense) and \$50.00 (second & subsequent offenses) can be issued for failing to meet these requirements. To learn more, visit <https://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org/>

