

Pet Waste Pollutes Our Waters

Clean and beautiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy, and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground or disposed of in a drainage catch basin, pet waste is washed away by rain, melting snow, and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, ponds, lakes, and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of harmful nutrients, bacteria, and disease-causing microorganisms.



What You Can Do

Pet owners or pet walkers must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and placing it in the trash. Even the toilet isn't the right place for pet waste!

- **Never throw pet waste, including used pet waste bags, in a catch basin or storm drain!**

Dover's Requirements

To protect our waters, the Town of Dover requires that pet owners or their keepers immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any public or private property not owned by that person.

Please note that people with assistance animals are exempt.



Contact Us

For more information, please contact the Dover Highway Department at 508-785-0058.