

BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION



[insert municipality] has adopted and enforces an ordinance that requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper. [insert municipality page/hotlink] [Township can insert any other specific requirement to their ordinance].

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in these water bodies.

Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

Flush it down the toilet.

But do not flush bags, debris, or nonbiodegradable items

OR

Put it in the trash.

**THANK YOU FOR
DOING YOUR PART
TO KEEP
NEW JERSEY'S
WATERS CLEAN**



For More
Info

- NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation <https://dep.nj.gov/njpdcs-stormwater/municipal-stormwater-regulation-program/example-ordinances/>
- EPA- Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution <https://www.epa.gov/nps>

With Your Pets

Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following the tips below.

- Pick up after your pet. Properly dispose of pet waste into the



trash or toilet. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health and, when washed into swimming waters, can result in beach closings.

- Carry a newspaper or plastic bag to pick up the waste when you walk your pet. Nuisance laws prohibit you from allowing your pet's waste to remain on private or public land.
- When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste. Visit <https://njhazwaste.com/counties> for a list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.
- Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks and deer. Feeding results in more pollution from their wastes.