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DOG OWNERS AND WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Why is it important to pick up dog doo?

Everything that flows into the storm drain goes untreated into Riverside County's waterways. If water touches dog waste on its way to the storm drain, fecal coliform bacteria can get into our streams, creeks, rivers, and the ocean and cause damage.

Why is dog doo bad for our waterways?

Aside from polluting our waterways with bacteria, nutrients in dog doo like nitrogen and phosphorus cause algae to grow rapidly in waterbodies. This process, called eutrophication, reduces the available oxygen for aquatic life and can lead to significant animal death. It can also lead to waterway closures, harm drinking water quality, and spread diseases.

A single gram of dog doo can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, and bacteria from dog doo accounts for up to 20% of the bacteria in urban waterways.

Who is Riverside County Watershed Protection?

Riverside County Watershed Protection is a partnership program between Riverside County, the Flood Control & Water Conservation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and 27 cities that manage watershed programs. Through public education, best management practices, evaluation and water quality monitoring, this partnership aims to empower residents and businesses with pollution prevention information and keep our watersheds healthy. We strive to protect, preserve, and enhance the water quality and the natural environment of our watersheds.

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Protect streams,
creeks, rivers, and
the ocean.*

Bag it. Tie it. Trash it.

- Make sure to pick up dog waste with a disposable bag, tie it closed, and place it in a trash can.
- Take extra bags so you don't run out and can help someone else in need.
- While on hikes, always take your used bags with you instead of leaving them on the trail.
- Scoop your poop at home at least once per week and especially before any predicted rain.

