

# Clean Water begins at home!

## Pets & Animals

When it rains, waste left on the ground from dogs, cats, horses, ducks, and other pets can pollute our water by introducing bacteria and parasites. Some simple clean-up measures can help prevent this waste, and other pet-related products, from entering the nearest storm drain or stream.

Here are some ways to help reduce the risk to our streams:

### DOGS

- Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash. Don't flush it down the toilet, as certain elements in dog waste can harm sewer and septic systems or survive the wastewater treatment process.
- Pick up poo from your yard at least once a week.
- Visit the Clark County Canines for Clean Water web site at [www.CleanWaterDogs.com](http://www.CleanWaterDogs.com) for more information, and to take the Clean Water pledge.

### CATS

- Dispose of litter in the trash can. Don't dump it



outside, as it can be carried directly to streams and storm drains.

- Don't flush kitty litter. It can clog sewer and septic systems, and certain bacteria may survive the wastewater treatment system.

## HORSES

- Cover manure piles with a structure or plastic tarp to reduce runoff. Build a small ridge of vegetated soil around manure pile to prevent nutrient-rich drainage from reaching stormwater paths.
- Compost stall bedding and manure. For information on composting, call the WSU/Clark County Master Composters at (360) 882-0936 ext. 224.

## CHICKENS, DUCKS, & GEESE

- Sweep and clean coops and pens weekly to collect droppings, uneaten food, and soiled bedding, which can be composted. Never hose down the area into a storm drain.
- Don't feed wild birds near calm water bodies such as ponds and lakes. The food is not healthy for them, and the uneaten food and their increased waste pollute the water source.

## ALL PETS

- Wash your pet in the bathtub or on the lawn, in a place where rinse water won't run off into the street or storm drain.
- Consider using non-toxic cleaning and flea products.



For more information, please call the Clark County Clean Water Program at (360) 397-2121 ext. 4345 or visit [www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources](http://www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources).



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