

Lake Erie: DON'T WASTE IT!

Don't Poop up the Water!

Pet waste is teaming with E. Coli and other harmful bacteria including fecal coliform bacteria, which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans.

There are more than 90,000 dogs in Cuyahoga County creating around 45 tons of waste per day ([NEORSD](#)).

There are **23 million fecal coliform bacteria in a single gram** of pet waste - over 10 million more per gram than human [waste](#).

When our pets leave those little surprises, rain or melting snow washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains.

Then it flows into Lake Erie and pollutes our waterways.

Please pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly!

PICK IT UP.
BAG IT.
TIE IT.
TRASH IT.



Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.