

WHY YOU SHOULD PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET (CONT'D)!

- ✓ **This waste flows directly into our waterways** and the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life and the environment. As it decomposes, **pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water.** This decomposition can **contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them.**

Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking care of them and the environment. Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet. Always think when you grab the dog leash do you need a doggie bag to go?

Clean beaches and healthy creeks and ocean are important to the City of San Luis Obispo.



Please follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution. For more information, please call the City of San Luis Obispo Stormwater Management Program at (805) 781-7530 or visit our website at: www.slocity.org/publicworks, then stormwater

EMERGENCIES OR SPILLS!

To report a discharge or spill of **OTHER LIQUID MATERIALS** (*Non-sewage*) call (805) 781-7530 or call the City of San Luis Obispo 24-Hour Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline at (805) 783-7876 or visit <http://www.slocity.org/publicworks, then stormwater> to contact us electronically.

To report a discharge or spill of **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**, call the City's Hazardous Materials Coordinator at (805) 781-7383 or electronically at kboyle@slocity.org.

To report a discharge or spill of **SEWAGE** (*Known or suspected*); call the City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Department at (805) 781-7215.

For **OTHER EMERGENCIES** call 911.

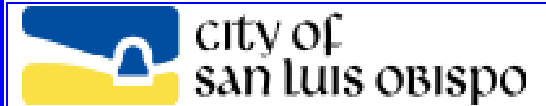
The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution from residential pet care. If you have other suggestions, please contact us via: <http://www.slocity.org/publicworks, then stormwater>



More Information Call

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Best Management Practices for Residential Pet Care

(Did you need a doggie bag for that?)



Domesticated animals add a lot to our lives. However, with the addition of a pet to your family come added responsibilities. Pet waste if not properly disposed of can pollute waterways. The City of San Luis Obispo is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our precious waterways. So please follow the useful tips outlined in this brochure to help prevent water pollution caused by small items left behind.

More Information Call

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STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM!

The **storm inlets** (the grates located in streets) **discharge to our local creeks and the ocean.** These are designed to carry rain water away from our homes and streets. **They are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant** and there is no treatment of pollutants carried by rain water. Anything left on the ground or in the yard will be carried to the storm drain system during a rain event and then to our local creeks and ocean.

- ✓ **Always pick up after your pet!**

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT PET CARE!

You wouldn't let your dog use the ocean for a bathroom... so why would you let its waste enter the storm drains? If you don't pick up after your pet, rainwater and water from people's yards can wash the waste into gutters and storm drains.

The polluted water and waste then flow untreated into our creeks and the ocean. Help protect the environment by picking up after your pet and throwing the bagged waste in the garbage.



WASHING YOUR PETS!

Bathe your pets indoors or have them professionally groomed. If you must wash your pet outside, then wash them on your lawn or another absorbent surface to help collect the wash water. Most importantly,



never let any pet waste, cleansers or wash water enter the storm drains!

- ✓ **Never** let any pet care products or wash water run off your yard and into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to marine life and the environment. If possible, bathe your pets indoors using less-toxic shampoos or again have your pet professionally groomed. Follow instructions on the products and clean up spills!

FLEA CONTROL!

Consider using oral or topical flea control products. If you use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars, make sure to **dispose of any unused products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** (“HHWCC”).

The closest facility is located at: **Cold Canyon Landfill** off Hwy 227, San Luis Obispo. Hours of operation: Friday & Saturday 11:00am – 3:00pm; (805) 782-8530.



A more detailed list of Household Hazardous Waste (“HHW”) and how to properly dispose of HHW materials can be found at <http://www.ivma.com/tabbaq.html>.

WHY YOU SHOULD

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!

- ✓ It's the law!
- ✓ Every city has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet.

- ✓ Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland.



During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains.

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