

POOP

in the grass
ruins more than
just play time!



Animal waste is one of the many sources of pollution that can create big problems for both water quality and human health. Help keep you, your family, your pets, and our water healthy.

YOU & YOUR FAMILY All pets shed bacteria like E. coli and dog waste can contain roundworms, Giardia and Leptospirosis - all of which may stay active in the soil long after the visible evidence in your yard is gone. Fresh dog waste can be less infectious than aged, so *scoop daily*.

YOUR PET *Scooping the poop* can help eliminate the spread of parasites like hookworms, roundworms, and canine parvovirus. Hookworms can survive in the soil for a week to a few months, while roundworms can survive in the soil for four years. Parvovirus is often deadly to unvaccinated puppies and can persist in the soil where waste was left for at least one year.

OUR WATER Pet waste washes into the streets, into the storm drains and ditches and then directly into our creeks. Bagging pet waste is one way to reduce bacteria levels in streams.

This message is part of Montgomery County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements to provide public education and outreach on relevant stormwater issues. Learn more about the County's efforts at www.montva.com/GoGreenMC

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