

Here's How to Help:

- Always pick up your pet's waste and throw it away in the garbage can.
- Please do not put pet waste in storm drains or the street.
- Encourage your fellow pet owners and trail users to clean up their pet's wastes too.
- Adopt your local waterway, open space or park and keep it clean.
- Keep storm drains clean of litter and debris all year.



Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District

Serving as the voice of the
waterways and the creatures
that use and enjoy them

Created in 2009 by a Colorado
Senate Bill 09-141, the District is
set up to fund, manage and
administer improvements to:

- Mitigate flooding & erosion
- Address water quality issues
- Improve Drainage
- Protect open space
- Restore wetland habitat
- Develop trails



Scoop the Poop:

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Pet waste in stormwater runoff

Water that enters storm drains is not treated. Whatever pollutants, including pet waste, the runoff picks up along the way will be carried directly into our streams and creeks. The Environmental Protection Agency states that stormwater pollution is the primary cause of water quality issues.

Our waterways are the greatest assets to the region. Streams and creeks allow for recreation, enhance our wildlife viewing, and connect us to the outdoors. Everyone lives in a watershed. We are all responsible for keeping our watershed clean. Everyday actions can have a great impact on the water quality of our streams and creeks.



Problems with Poo in the Water

If not picked up, pet waste can introduce the following harmful bacteria to our waterways:

- *Salmonellosis*: Causes headache, fever, muscle aches, vomiting and diarrhea
- *Campylobacteriosis*: Causes diarrhea
- *Toxocaris*: Causes fever, rash, vision loss and cough

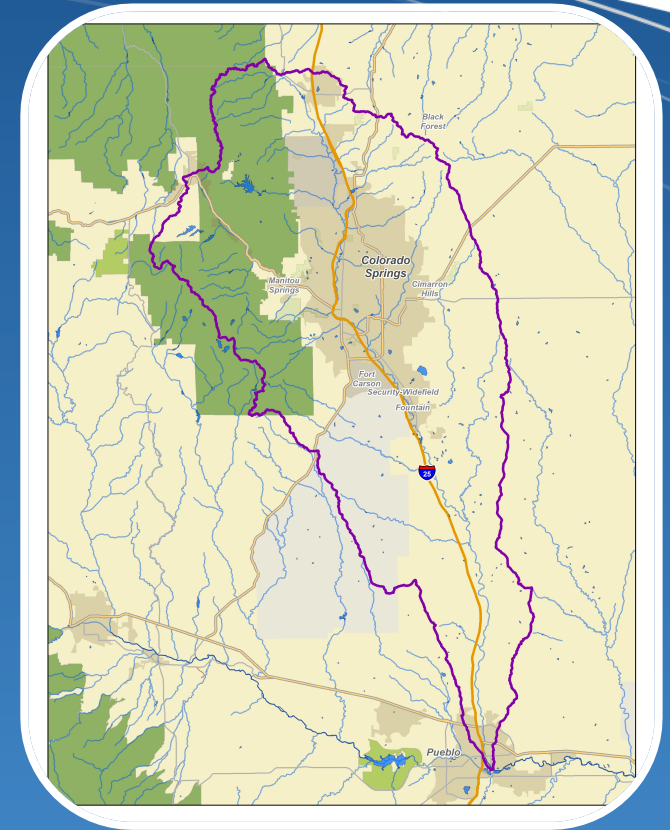
Additionally, decomposing pet waste uses up dissolved oxygen and releases ammonia. In warm weather, this process kills fish and aquatic life.

Managing pet waste is something that everyone can do to improve the quality of our surface waters. Individual actions make a big difference for water quality improvement when carried out by all.

Unlike some forms of stormwater pollutants, individual citizens of our community can easily and economically manage pet waste.

Not picking up your pet's waste is against the law!

Check with your local government for details on codes and ordinances.



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