

# Pet Waste

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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## **Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

*BMPs are procedures and practices that help to prevent such as pet waste, dirt, chemicals, trash, metal, automotive fluids, and other pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.*

*The storm sewer system consists of curb, gutter, catch basins, pipes, ditches, stormwater ponds, as well as natural drainage such as creeks and rivers.*

*Pet waste is full of bacteria. This poses a health risk to pets and people. When it rains pet waste gets carried into the storm sewer system. The bacteria ends up in stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.*

## **Be responsible and clean up after your pets.**

- Carry a plastic bag when walking your pets and be sure to pick up after them.
- Clean up pet waste in your yard frequently.
- Never hose pet waste into the street or gutter.

## **Did You know?**

Storm drains are NOT connected to sanitary sewer systems or the wastewater treatment plant. The primary purpose of a storm drain is to carry rainwater and snowmelt away from developed areas to prevent flooding. As water flows on the ground it picks up a variety of pollutants that flow into local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

