

## THE TROUBLE WITH DOG POOP

and how we can protect our waterways, one bag at a time.

We love our pups, but not the germy little "gifts" they leave behind. Turns out our rivers, streams, and lakes don't like them much, either.



There are:

900,000

Dogs in the Houston-Galveston Region

312 Tons of poop per day.



Which is the equivalent of 52 dump truck loads per day!

RAIN WATER washes poop left on the ground into our storm drains which connect to creeks and bayous where it decomposes. During decomposition, the poop uses up precious oxygen needed by fish and other creatures to stay alive and healthy.

Not to mention the risk of illness for swimmers and fisherman using the waterway...yuck!



## THIS MEANS THAT...

You could be exposed to bacteria, viruses, and parasites that live in dog poop.

This can be quite dangerous to the old, young, and folks with compromised immune systems.

Pathogens are dangerous to kids playing in the yard, and they can contaminate anything edible growing in your garden.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Always pick up after your pet, no matter where it is.



Carry spare bags on your daily dog walk, and use them to encourage others to pick up after their pooch!

If bags aren't your thing, bury waste at a minimum of 5 inches in the ground and far away from your garden or well.

**LEARN MORE** about the effects of pet waste and what you can do to make a difference by visiting our website, <a href="https://www.petwastepollutes.org">www.petwastepollutes.org</a>.

