



Unscopped poop pollutes our rivers and streams

Remember to scoop the poop, even in your own yard, even in the snow, even if you have a small dog!

Scooping poop isn't just about the mess – it protects our waters and our health.

Pet waste is a major source of water contamination and contains harmful bacteria and parasites.

Rain and water from melting snow flows across yards and sidewalk or roadway surfaces before entering our waterbodies via our storm drain system.

Storm drains are NOT treated, and pollutants washed into the Town's storm drain system flow directly into nearby rivers and streams.

What You Should Do:

Keep a supply of bags handy

When walking your pet, make sure you bring a bag to pick up the waste. Consider re-using plastic produce bags, newspaper bags or grocery bags. Keep a supply of bags with your leash!

Dispose of pet waste properly

Place sealed bags of pet waste in the trash. Do not throw waste near or into any storm drains. Remember that pet waste cannot be used as fertilizer due to potentially harmful bacteria. Pet waste can kill grass and other plants.

Help others remember to scoop poop

Don't let your pet pollute, and encourage friends and neighbors to be responsible pet owners, too.

For more information on Stormwater, please visit our website:

www.bedfordma.gov/dpw/stormwater

Any questions can be directed via email to StormWater@bedfordma.gov

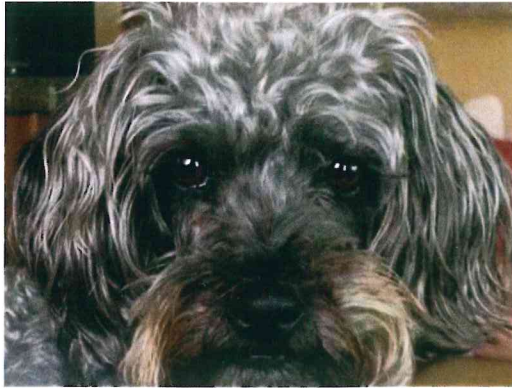


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Please scoop the poop!

Bedford is committed to working towards cleaner waterways

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently released new stricter regulations on stormwater pollution that our Town is required to meet.

Getting the word out to dog owners in Bedford is critical to our plan for working together to reduce our impact on pollution of waterways.

Why Should I Pick It Up?

Pet waste left on sidewalks, street, yards, or other open areas can be washed away and carried by rainwater into storm drains, which directly discharge untreated water to our rivers and streams.

Know Your Local Laws:

The Town of Bedford General Bylaws, "Article 42. Dog Regulations", includes provisions for removal of dog feces from any property or area not owned by the dog owner.

Additionally, "Article 55. Stormwater Management" requires compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges. This would include compliance with the EPA NPDES Phase II MS4 General Permit for Stormwater.

Working Together to Prevent Stormwater Pollution

Did You Know?

Pet waste contributes to bacterial contamination of our rivers and streams.

Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth, upsetting the natural balance.

The good news is...you can help!



Do your "Doody" for Clean Water

Please do your part to keep Bedford's ponds, rivers and streams as clean as possible.

If you think picking up dog poop is unpleasant, think about what it's like to swim in it or drink it!

Dogs are part of the family. Let's keep them and us healthy. Bag your pet's waste and throw it in a trashcan.

Pet Waste Belongs in the Trash!

