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Bag It,
Toss it in the Trash!

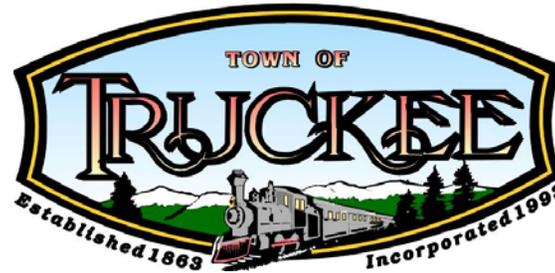
There is a difference
between your sink
drain and the storm
drain...

The Sanitary Sewer System,
connected to your sinks, toi-
lets, and floor drains, collects
and treats wastewater prior to
releasing it back into the envi-
ronment.

The Storm Drainage System,
found in streets, parking lots,
and roadside ditches, drains
directly to local waterways with
no treatment.

For more information...

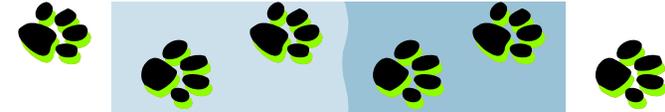
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Pet Waste



**Town Of
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**SCOOP THE
POOP
PROGRAM**

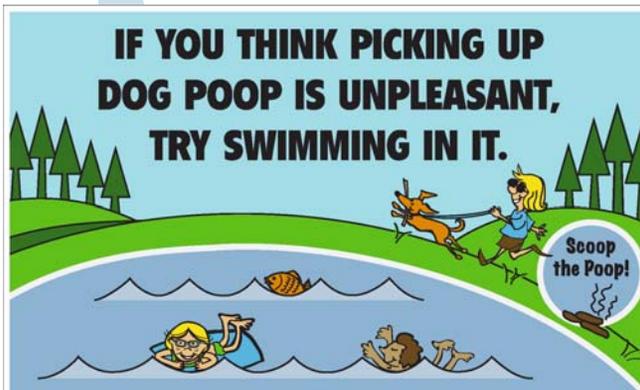


Pet Waste Can Harm Rivers and Lakes

Did you know every time it rains, thousands of pounds of pet waste flows directly into the storm drain system or into nearby streams and lakes without being treated at wastewater treatment facilities?

The Town of Truckee has over 3,000 licensed dogs, and an estimated 1,500 unlicensed dogs and visiting dogs. The USDA indicates an average dog can produce 274 pounds of waste a year. For Truckee, that is well over 800,000 pounds of dog waste a year.

Pet waste is essentially raw sewage, and carries harmful bacteria which can affect the health of not only aquatic wildlife, but ourselves and our children.



Why Clean Up After My Pet?

- ◆ When it rains, pet waste is washed into our rivers and streams.
- ◆ No one likes to step in dog poop
- ◆ Dog waste can contain bacteria, viruses, and parasites such as:
 - Campylobacteriosis-bacteria causing gastrointestinal illness in humans
 - Cryptosporidium-parasite causing gastrointestinal illness in humans
 - Toxocariasis-roundworms transmitted from dogs to humans.
- ◆ Pet waste contains nutrients that promotes weed and algae growth. This in turn can reduce oxygen levels in the water, affecting fish and other aquatic organisms.

Why Isn't Dog Waste Natural?

The local dog population density is very high compared to large mammals in a natural forest

Approximate Large Mammal Population Densities (animals per square mile):

Bears-1 to 2.5

Fox-4

Coyotes-1 to 5

Truckee Dogs-90 to 140

Dogs are often walked on trails, lakes and along streams where owners enjoy walking, which tends to concentrate waste in these areas.

What Can I Do?

- ◆ Pick up pet waste from your yard. Throw it in the trash or flush it. It is not a fertilizer.
- ◆ Carry disposable bags when walking your dog, clean up after your pet, and toss the used bags in the trash.

