

“Stormwater” refers to runoff from sources like rain and irrigation water. Stormwater flows over parking lots, streets and yards picking up pollutants and bacteria along the way . This water makes its way through storm drains and pipes, and eventually ends up in the creek. Unlike sewage, stormwater is not treated before entering our waterways.

Stormwater Management is an important part of the community’s effort to improve water quality, but we need your help. By picking up after your pet, you are preventing pollution and enhancing the habitat of fish and other organisms that live in the waterways. .

Clean

Water For
Everyone.



Remember, It is a violation of City Code to dump wastes into the stormwater system.

Report spills, illegal dumping and other environmental concerns

to

City of Lawton Stormwater
Pollution Hotline

580-581-3565



**PICK UP
AFTER YOUR PET**

City of Lawton



Stormwater Management

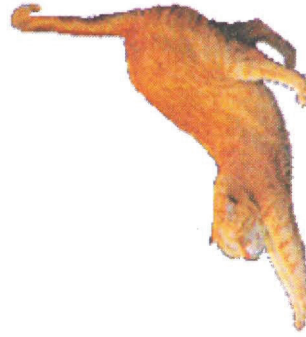


IMPACTS OF PET WASTE ON WATER QUALITY

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites, which can cause disease in humans and animals. This can make the waterways unfit for swimming and recreation.

Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage algae growth in the waterways, making them cloudy and green.

The decomposition of pet waste uses up dissolved oxygen in the water. This causes oxygen levels to drop, making it difficult for fish and other organisms to survive.



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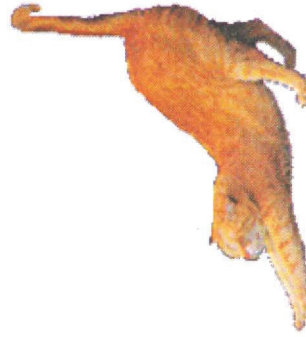
WHAT CAN YOU DO? DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pick up pet waste from your yard. Bag it and toss it in the trash.

Carry a pooper scooper or disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste in a trash can.

Pet waste can be flushed down the toilet. DO NOT flush kitty litter, gloves, plastic or paper bags.

Another option is to bury pet waste in your yard, at least 12 inches deep and cover with soil to let it decompose slowly. Bury the waste in several different locations and keep it away from vegetable gardens.



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