

## Did You Know?

The purpose of a storm drain is to prevent flooding by carrying rainwater away from developed areas.

However, storm drains are not connected to the City's sanitary sewer or wastewater treatment plant, so the water is not cleaned before it enters our waterways.

As rainwater flows over the ground, it picks up pollutants such as dirt, debris, **pet waste**, pesticides, and more. The rainwater and pollutants then flow into local storm ponds, ditches, and the Mississippi River.

The City of Monticello is committed to improving water quality and reducing the pollutants entering our waterways, and we ask for your help by cleaning up your pet's waste.



## Best Practices for Pet Waste Disposal

This brochure is part of the City of Monticello's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.



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# Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

## What's the Problem with Pet Waste?

Pet waste is a health risk to pets and people, especially children.

It's a nuisance in our neighborhoods. Pet waste is full of bacteria that gets carried into the storm sewer system when it rains.

The bacteria ends up in Stormwater ponds, ditches, and the Mississippi River, polluting the water.



## Best Management Practices

These are habits that help stop pollutants such as pet waste, dirt, chemicals, and trash, from entering the storm sewer system.

## How Can You Help?

- Clean up after your pet every time
- Use a scooper, bag, or shovel to pick up pet waste
- Teach your children how to properly clean up after pets
- Do your part to help keep our water clean!



## Remember:

- **Do not** leave pet waste on the lawn
- **Do not** compost or dump pet waste into the storm drains or ditches.
- **Do not** leave pet waste on streets, sidewalks, or other hard surfaces where it can wash into storm drains, ditches, or waterways.
- **Do not** rinse pet waste from kennel floors onto the ground.

**Thank you!**