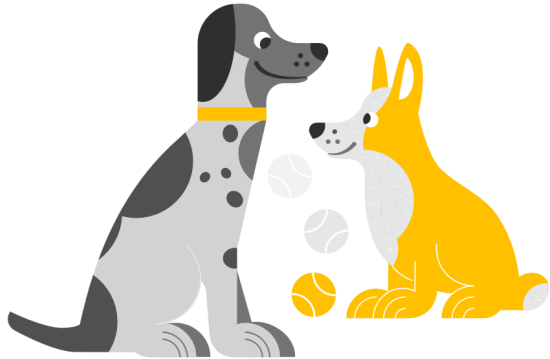


## Helpful Tip: *Be Prepared*



- Picking up after your pet can be easy with simple preparation! Carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your furry friend. There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can conveniently attach right to your dog's leash.
- Many parks and recreational areas have courtesy bags and disposal boxes designed specifically for pet waste.
- Avoid letting your pet do their business within 200 ft of a waterbody.
- **Never throw pet waste into a storm drain.** Dispose of waste when you get home, and don't forget to wash your hands!



## Help Keep Our Watershed Clean!

Consider taking a pledge to  
Scoop the Poop!



Thank you!



### Questions or Comments?

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## Windham, NH



### Pet Waste Disposal Guide

Learn how a small effort  
can make a big change in  
water quality!



## Pet Waste Doesn't Belong in the Drain

- Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. Runoff is typically collected by catch basins and then is conveyed **untreated** into waterbodies that we use for recreational activities like swimming, fishing, or as a source of drinking water.
- Pet waste dumped into catch basins will be discharged untreated to the closest pond, lake, stream, or river causing health and environmental problems, as well as becoming a public nuisance.

### *Did you know?*

- Pet waste significantly contributes to pollutants (bacteria and pathogens) in Windham's water bodies and receiving wetlands.
- Pet waste dumped or washed into catch basins is carried directly to downstream waterbodies through the storm drain system.
- Pet waste often carries viruses and bacteria that can be harmful to humans.
- Pet waste contains nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients that accelerate growth of damaging algae and aquatic life.

## What You Can Do

- Always clean up after your pet and dispose of waste in a sealed or tied bag in a trashcan.
- Encourage your neighbors and other pet owners to be responsible

## What You Should Not Do

- Do not dispose of your pet waste directly in a catch basin. These systems go directly to various waterbodies.
- Do not use pet waste as fertilizer. Bacteria in pet waste does more harm than good.
- Do not add pet waste to a compost pile. The pile will never get hot enough to kill disease—causing organisms

### *Please Consider*

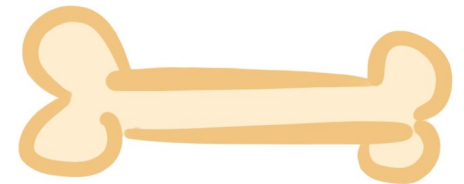
- The town of Windham performs regular cleaning of the storm drain system. Improperly disposed of pet waste can cause positive contamination results.
- When contamination is identified in stormwater drainage, an investigation process begins to identify the source of contamination per EPA's requirements.
- When the source of contamination is pet waste, it is almost impossible to identify its origin due to the sporadic nature.



**You can help save the Town of Windham thousands of dollars every year by disposing of your pet waste properly!**



Please refer to # WIN 2:06:21:04 for the regulations related to dogs on town property and waste disposal requirements



## ***Thank you!***