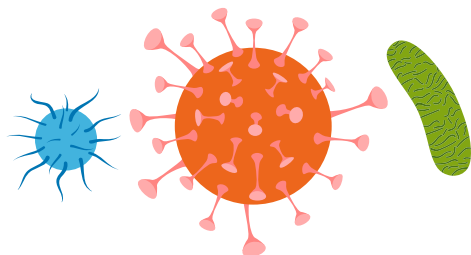


# SAVE OUR STORMWATER

Did you know that one  
gram of dog waste contains  
**23 million fecal bacteria?**



Pet waste that doesn't get picked up can ultimately end up in our waterways. Rain and irrigation waters can wash pet waste down storm drains and into streams, creeks, the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean untreated.

Bacteria and parasites in dog waste can be transmitted to humans through contaminated soil, water, or even through direct contact. Children who play in parks or streams have an even greater risk of coming in contact with pet waste.

**Check out the other side of this card for tips on how to keep our water free from pet waste.**

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# THE DOO'S & DON'TS OF PET WASTE



**DO:** Bag it! Always bring plastic bags to pick up after your dog when you go on walks or to the park. Remember to throw it away in the trash bin (not the compost bin)!



**DON'T:** Compost pet waste! Dog and cat feces carry parasites that can cause diseases in humans and shouldn't be incorporated into compost piles.



**DO:** Remove pet waste from your lawn regularly, and dispose of it properly.



**DON'T:** Leave it in your lawn when you water or when it rains. It can flow directly into water sources this way.



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