

IT'S IN THE BAG



POOCHES &
PATHOGENS

IN THE
TOWN OF
BROOKHAVEN



It's Your Water

Long Island is world renowned for its beaches and coastal waters, but did you know that what you do on land has a direct impact to our local waters? Your every-day actions can directly affect our bathing beaches and shellfish beds.

Pet waste that is left on the ground or improperly disposed will eventually make its way to the water. You have the power to help protect our water quality by simply picking up after your pet.





It's Your Community

Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites; and contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth.

Take pride in your community. Keep sidewalks, streets, public spaces and vacant parcels free of pet waste.

It's Your Responsibility

Town of Brookhaven Town Code (§23-3M) requires all pet owners to immediately pick up after their pets and to dispose of all pet waste in a safe and sanitary manner.

Pet waste should be bagged and disposed in appropriate waste receptacles.

NEVER discard pet waste in storm drains!



The Particulars of Pooches & Pathogens



US Census Bureau: 1.7 dogs per household with dogs



Estimated # of dogs in the Town of Brookhaven: 89,858



Average annual canine excrement: 274 pounds / dog



Dog feces contain an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.



Dog feces contain microscopic organisms such as bacteria, viruses and parasites that can persist in the environment.



Pathogens (bacteria) are disease-causing organisms that originate from warm-blooded animals, such as dogs.



Pathogens are the most frequent cause of water quality impairments in the US, contributing to bathing beach and shellfish bed closures.

Preventing Problems

Bag it

Flush it

Bury or Compost it

Practical Pooches

Lawn & Yard Hygiene

Community Aesthetics

Keeps it Off Your

Shoes and Rugs

It's the Law!

Protect Your Water

Protect Your Community

Pick Up After Your Pet



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