

Why is dog waste a problem in our community?

North Creek is on the State of Washington Ecology's 303 (d) list of impaired waters for high levels of fecal coliform.

For more information visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0310047.html>

Rain washes pet waste into streams and other surface waters— like puddles children play in.

North Creek eventually flows into Lake Washington where people swim and play.



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HOW TO PROPERLY REMOVE PET WASTE FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT



**PLEASE SCOOP
THAT POOP!**



Some Facts about Dog Waste

More than 126,000 dogs live in Snohomish County producing waste of 40,000 people.

More than 20 tons of dog waste are dropped in Snohomish County's backyards daily.

Dog waste does not all soak into the ground. Stormwater runoff carries it into streams through storm drains.

Most dog waste contains E-coli.

Pet waste is the equivalent of raw sewage.

The ingredients of dog waste are harmful to children.



What can you do to help?

Look for pet stations with plastic bags and trash cans at the City of Mill Creek parks. Use the bags provided to pick up the dog waste and place it in the trash.

Don't put your pet's waste down storm drains. It's against the law, MCMC 15.14.240.

Pet waste accumulated on private property must be removed at least every 24 hours, MCMC 6.02.090.

Carry plastic bags with you at all times when walking your dog(s). Bag the waste and put the bag in the trash.

Encourage your neighbors to pick up after their pets also.

Never bury or compost dog waste. E-coli in dog waste spreads through the soil.

Look for the Scoopy Doo mascot at special events and take a pledge to commit to picking up after your pet to benefit the North Creek Watershed.

