



PREVENT PET WASTE FROM CONTAMINATING STORMWATER

Whether enjoying Tempe Town Lake, a trail, park or neighborhood, keep Tempe healthy and clean by picking up after pets and disposing of waste in the garbage can.



Pet waste contamination

When left on the ground, bacteria and pathogens in pet waste can be carried by stormwater runoff into waterways and parks. Since stormwater runoff is not treated, this waste can become a health risk to humans and animals.

Make a difference by properly picking up after pets.

1. Bring a bag.
2. Pick up your pet's waste.
3. Dispose of waste in the garbage.



Storm drains are designed to collect stormwater runoff and prevent flooding by carrying stormwater away from developed areas. Stormwater is not treated, so it must be kept free from pollutants.

Some of the most common pollutants found in stormwater runoff include:

- Pet waste
- Litter
- Yard debris
- Vehicle engine fluids
- Soap, dirt and oils from residential car washing
- Fertilizers and pesticides

Help keep the environment clean. While the actions of one household might contribute small amounts of pollution, the combined affect of an entire neighborhood or community can have a serious effect.



Prevent stormwater pollution. Only rain down the storm drain.

For questions or to report illegal discharges to storm drains, call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or visit tempe.gov/stormwater.

