

Clean lakes and other water bodies are important to the City of Orlando.

# **FOR INFORMATION:**

City of Orlando Stormwater Utility 407.246.2125 Ext. 17 or visit www.cityoforlando.net.

## **REPORT A SPILL:**

Stormwater Hotline at 407,246,2370.





Turn over to find out the best ways you and your pet can help protect our lakes!



# PET WASTE Pick up after your pooch!

### It's the Law

Orlando City code requires you to pick up after your pet. It's a nuisance, and leads to water pollution no matter where you live. Orange County Ordinance Sec. 5-50.

B (9) Fail to remove excreta from animal owner's property, resulting in offensive odors. (first offense \$107 fine)

C (7) Fail to remove any excreta deposited upon public property or another person's private property by any animal within the care, custody, ownership, or control of such person. (first offense \$87.50 fine)

#### **Water Pollution**

Un-scooped poop washes into storm drains, which drain directly to local lakes and water bodies, harming human health, wildlife and the environment.

### **Reduced Oxygen Levels**

Decomposition of pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water, reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to plants and animals – resulting in fish kills.

### Algae Blooms

Pet waste adds excess nutrients like those found in cow manure to lakes – resulting in algae bloom (a stagnant blanket of green).

### BEST...

Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste in the toilet or trash.

# BATHS & WASHING

Never let pet products or washwater run off into the street, gutter or storm drains! Even biodegradable products can contribute to water pollution. Follow instructions on the products and clean up spills.

### GOOD...

Outside, keep the washwater from running into the street, gutter or storm drain. Wash your pet on the lawn or a permeable surface instead!

### BEST...

Bathe your pets indoors or visit a professional groomer.

# FLEA CONTROL

# GOOD...

Dispose of any unused products, like shampoos, sprays or collars at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Call (407) 836-6600.

## BEST...

Consider using oral or topical flea control products.

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