



I POOP.

You pick it up. Any questions?

pet waste and water quality

When your pet goes potty, do you leave the waste to decompose on the sidewalk or in the grass along a trail or near the street? Do you dump the waste on the roadside or in the storm sewer? Well, if you do, you are contributing to water pollution.

Did you know that pet waste can pollute the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead? Improperly disposed of pet waste may be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow... or even the sprinklers in your yard. Our storm sewer system drains without treatment to the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead – **our primary source of drinking water!**

When pet waste enters the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead, the waste decays and uses up oxygen and sometimes releases ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also carries diseases which can contaminate water and make it unsafe for swimming and drinking.

Did you know you could be risking your health, and the health of your family? When pet waste is disposed of improperly, not only does water quality suffer – but your health may be at risk, too. Pets, children who play outside, and adults who garden are most at risk for infection from the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

here's what you can do

The job of keeping our water pure by cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your next walk or trip to the dog park – and using it! What should you do after you pick it up? Flush it down the toilet or secure it in a bag and put it in the trash. Tell all your family and friends to help preserve, protect, and enhance our water... **scoop pet poop!**

For more information visit ClarkCountyNV.gov/water-quality

