



PET WASTE & WATER QUALITY

Picking up after pets helps protect Berea's streams.

Pet waste may seem harmless, but it can carry bacteria and nutrients that pollute local waterways. When left on the ground, rain can wash it into storm drains and nearby streams.

Yard / Sidewalk → Storm Drain → Pipe → Local Stream

Why Pet Waste Is a Problem	What You Can Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can contain bacteria and other pathogens• Adds nutrients that contribute to water quality problems• Washes into storm drains during rain events• Creates odors and unhealthy conditions in public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always pick up after your pet• Bag waste securely and place it in the trash• Carry waste bags during walks and outings• Encourage neighbors and visitors to do the same• Keep pet areas clean to reduce runoff pollution

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Always pick up after your pet.***

Questions about stormwater in Berea?

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