

# When your dog goes on the lawn, it doesn't just go on the lawn.

**Rain washes dog poop and its bacteria downstream. From there, it can go on to pollute Casco Bay, its beaches and clam flats.**

Dog waste is more than just an icky nuisance. It's a health risk to dogs and people, especially children. It's full of bacteria and viruses that can make people sick. When it rains, dog poop melts away and runoff carries it into the storm drains, ditches and streams that empty into Casco Bay.

Bacteria from dog waste can also end up in shellfish and make water at our beaches unsafe for swimming. Dog waste left on the ground is no small problem!

**So what to do? Simple:  
Scoop the poop. Bag it. Trash it.**



*Because*  
it all ends up here.