

know where
it goes

take simple
steps to reduce
STORMWATER POLLUTION



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[City/town] soliciting input on a proposed pet waste ordinance.

[City/town] R.I. – [date] – Pet waste lying on a sidewalk or street is more than just a nuisance to the pedestrian who happens upon it. It pollutes surface waters. When stormwater flows over dog waste, it picks up harmful bacteria and nutrients, then flows directly to local waters. In an effort to reduce this form of water pollution, [city/town] is proposing a pet waste ordinance which will require dog owners to pick up and properly dispose of waste their dog deposits on public sidewalks, trails and roadways. Proper disposal consists of putting the pet waste in a trash can. The [city/town] is now soliciting input on the ordinance.

To view the entire ordinance visit [Town hall]. Interested citizens may provide comment on the proposed ordinance from [date to date]. The ordinance is scheduled for debate and adoption on [date and time] at [location].

