

PET WASTE



Be an Everyday Clean Water Hero!

Be **AWARE**, take **ACTION**, report **ACTIVITIES**
that adversely affect streams, drainage channels and the ocean.

BE AWARE:

Pet waste is one of the many little sources of pollution that can add up to a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients that can cause algae blooms (overgrowth of aquatic plants that smother other aquatic life). These blooms use up the oxygen in the water that fish and other organisms need to breathe.

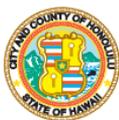
TAKE ACTION:

- Always carry a bag when you walk your pet. Use the bags as a glove to pick up the pet waste.
- Dispose in the trash or toilet. Leaving it on the ground allows bacteria to wash into the storm drain.
- Washing down pet waste into streams, drainage channels, streets and gutters is **prohibited**. Dispose pet waste in trash.
- Get involved in a pet group and remind others to pick up after their pet. Education is essential to changing people's behavior.
- Clean up after pets fully and completely. Always observe and adhere to posted signs for pets and other animals.
- Wash your hands with warm, soapy water after dealing with pet waste.

REPORT ACTIVITIES:

City's Environmental Concern Line at **768-3300** or visit
www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com

Reference: Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu Storm Water Quality Branch, <http://epa.gov/hps/toolbox/>



9 POLLUTION TIPS

NEIGHBORHOOD

1. **Keep It Clean** - It is your responsibility to keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters in front of your property clean.
2. **Dump No Waste** - Stencil storm drains with the message, "Dump No Waste, Protect Our Waters...For Life," and keep waste materials from polluting our waterways.
3. **Do It Right** - Use water-based paint and dispose properly.

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4. **Use an Oil Change Box** - If you change your own oil be careful not to spill it in the street where it could enter the storm drain. Have old rags or other absorbent material handy to pick up the mess in case of a spill
5. **Use Water and Soap Sparingly** - Wash your car with a bucket, sponge, and nozzle on the end of the hose to conserve water and reduce the pollutants entering the ocean; too many pollutants in the water decreases water quality and can harm aquatic life.

YARD

6. **Cover Up** - Prevent soil and debris from leaving your property by replacing bare soil with vegetative cover or mulch and covering temporary stockpiles with tarps. Plant right for your site.
7. **Read the Label** - Read and follow the label on all fertilizers and pesticides. The label is the law.
8. **Yard Maintenance** - Gather leaves, grass clippings, and yard trimmings for proper disposal or composting. Practice smart watering. Use open pavers or other permeable paving that lets the rain soak into the soil. Minimize impermeable paving.
9. **Pick It Up** - Remove and dispose of pet waste before you leave an area.

Laws and Ordinances

The Federal Clean Water Act gave the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority of implement water pollution control programs. Local statutes and ordinances address compliance and enforcement of the EPA's mandates.

The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Section 14-12-23(a) Environmental Quality Control—Violation states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any pollutant into any drainage facility which causes a pollution problem in state waters, or causes a violation of any provision of the city NPDES permit or the water quality standards of the State of Hawaii.

Discharging pollutants to the storm drain system is against the law. Violations can result in fines of up to \$25,000 per violation, per day.

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