

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.

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/nps/toolbox/>

