

PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION



The Lebanon Borough has adopted an ordinance that requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposit on property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper.

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empties into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in these water bodies. Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes water to become cloudy and green,

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

Flush it down the
toilet.

*But do not flush bags,
debris, or nonbiodegradable
items*

OR

Put it in the trash.

**DOING YOUR PART
TO KEEP
NEW JERSEY'S
WATERS CLEAN**



For More Info

- See the Pet Waste Ordinance 2006-11

NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation
<https://www.nj.gov/dep>

EPA- Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution
<https://www.epa.gov/nps>