

## Pet Waste can contain:

- E. coli
- Salmonella
- Giardia
- Roundworms and Hookworms
- Nitrogen which in excessive amounts depletes the oxygen for other organisms by causing algae blooms

*All of the bacteria in pet waste can cause serious health problems in humans. If these pathogens enter the watershed, the water will be dangerous for recreational activities.*



Thank you for disposing of  
your pet's waste properly!



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Questions?

Contact the Office of Community  
Development  
603-673-6041

Or

Department of Public Works  
603-673-2317

# Stormwater Information

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## Pet Waste



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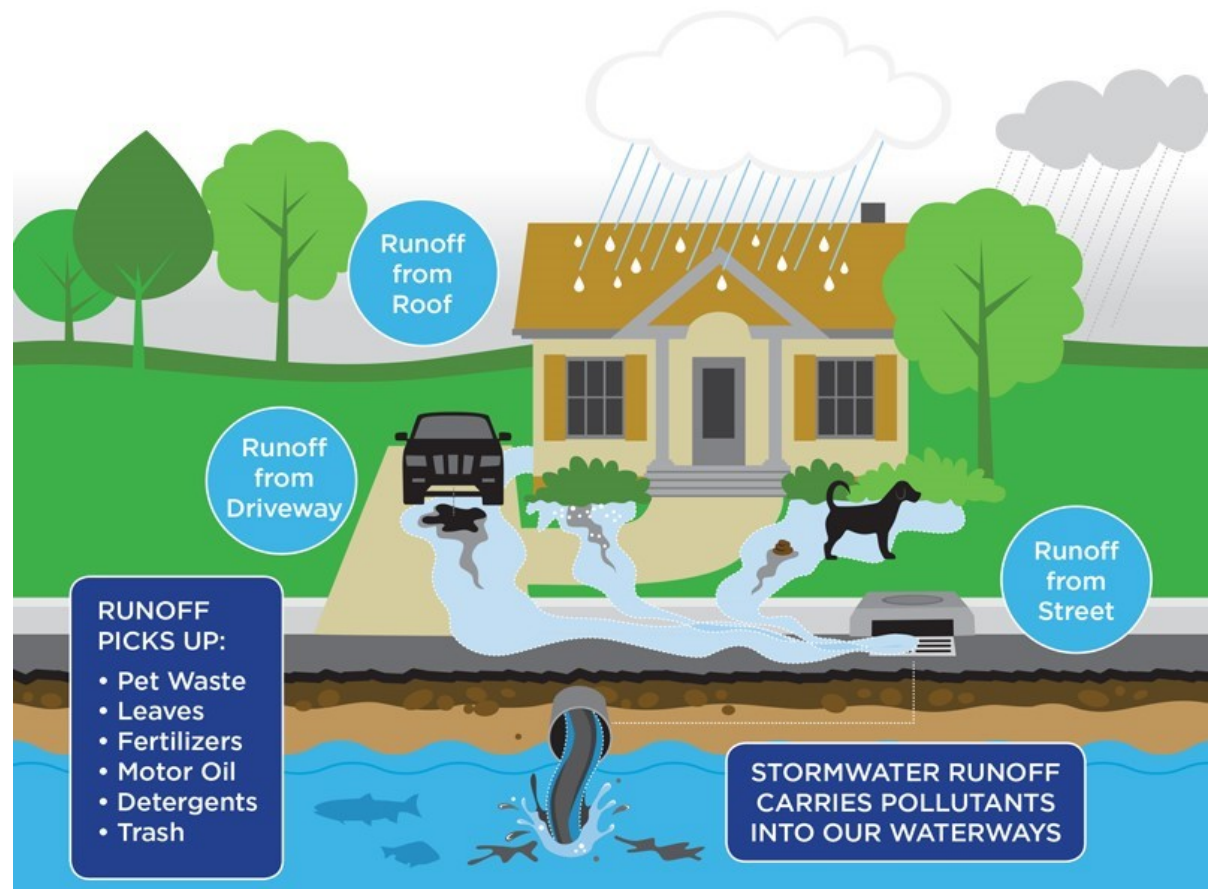
Anytime pet waste is left in your yard, on the side of the road, or on the trails, rain washes it into the stormwater drainage system. The waste, and its contaminants, makes its way to streams, rivers, and then to our lakes.

When a waterbody has impairments such as E.coli, the water cannot be used for all of the recreational activities that Amherst residents enjoy.

Please help to keep our waterbodies clean!



Baboosic Lake



Credit: City of Richmond, VA, Department of Public Utilities

How to dispose of your pet's waste properly

- Please always carry a plastic or paper bag while you are out with your furry friend. Clean up their waste using the bag, and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Please do not recycle pet waste. It contaminates the rest of the recycling which will then have to be discarded as garbage.
- Please do not litter by throwing your bags into the woods.

Pet waste stations are located around town at the following locations: the Town Common, Jones Road soccer fields, and Davis Lane tennis courts

