



Pet Waste Pollutes Our Waters

What You Can Do To Help Protect Our Water

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

What you can do

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

Ordinance #113-2005 has modified our pet-waste laws.

As a pet owner you are required to **immediately** and **properly** dispose of your pet's solid waste deposited on common thoroughfare (street or road), sidewalk, driveway, bike path, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever or **private property not owned or possessed by you.**

People with assistance animals such as Seeing Eye dogs are exempt.



Please obey the Law and help keep River Vale and our waters clean.