## Pet Waste Pollutes the Lamprey River & Other Local Waters



Many NH towns have over 1,000 dogs living in them, and each dog "takes care of business" once or twice a day. That's a whole heck of a lot of canine muck!

Not only is it gross when it's left around, it can also be dangerous.

Harmful bacteria and parasites - such as Giardia or Salmonella - that live in pet waste can come into contact with people or other pets, or be carried from backyards, parks, and trails to the nearest storm drain.





These harmful bacteria end up in the water where we swim, fish and play. Picking up our dog waste and properly throwing it out is a small effort that can make a big difference in keeping our community and waters clean.

## **3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR CLEAN WATER**

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**SCOOP IT** 

**BAGIT** 

TRASH IT

By the way, it's the law! Local ordinance requires that all pet waste be picked up and properly disposed of. Newmarket Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-29.

This outreach message helps the Town of Newmarket meet US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements to share pollution prevention information with its residents.

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