

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Pet waste washed into our creeks and ocean if pet owner do not dispose of it properly.

When it rains, uncovered or improperly stored waste can flow, untreated, directly to creeks and the ocean.

Animal waste contains bacteria, which is detected in waster sampling, causing beach advisories and closures.



RESOURCES

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE...?

MTYH #1

Runoff from streets and storm drains is treated at wastewater treatment plants.

FACT Storm drain runoff in Santa Barbara County is not treated and goes directly into our creeks - what goes into the storm drain ends up at the beach.

MTYH #2

Most creek pollution comes a few big polluters.

FACT The majority of water pollution comes from small sources - especially at the household levels.

MTYH #3

The impact of one household doesn't really matter.

FACT Although an individual home might contribute only minor amounts of pollution, the combined effect of an entire neighborhood or city is great.

MTYH #4

Creek contamination and beach postings are usually caused by chemical pollution.

FACT Chemical contamination is always a concern. Yet, bacterial contamination from animal waste, litter, garbage, and green waste also threaten the environment and your health.

SOLUTIONS

ON A WALK

Remember, in public parks it is illegal not to pick up your dog's waste

- Always carry a plastic bag
 - Bags you get from the produce section at the grocery store work well
- Commercial scoopers can also be purchased

Check out where you can find a doggie bag dispenser within the City of Carpinteria:



CLEAN UP AT HOME

Here are a few creek- and ocean-friendly tips:

- Smaller quantities of pet waste can be raked or turned into the soil of lawns or gardens to decompose slowly
- Larger amounts should be scooped and placed in the trash
 - If you use a large bin, you can add a sprinkle of powdered lime (available at building supply stores)
- Install a disposal system, commercially available through pet owners' and gardening catalogs. These systems use bacterial cultures to make liquid fertilizer