

## What's the Problem ?

Left on the ground dog waste can be picked up by rain and melting snow and washed into storm drains. Most storm drains ARE NOT connected to any type of treatment plant and flow directly into our streams, lakes, and bays. The natural landscape years ago degraded dog waste fairly easily and bacteria rarely reached surface waters. Now that we have roads, houses, and efficient drainage systems, dog waste has an easier and more direct route to our lakes and streams.



## Questions ?

Local jurisdictions are members of the West Sound Stormwater Outreach Group (WSSOG) whose mission is to inform and educate citizens about the many ways they can help keep our waterways clean. If you have questions about water quality, stormwater or WSSOG, please contact a WSSOG member through your local Public Works Department.

Clean Water Kitsap (Kitsap County)  
(360) 337-5777

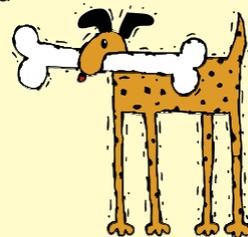
City of Poulsbo  
(360) 779-4078

City of Bainbridge Island  
(206) 842-2016

City of Bremerton  
(360) 473-5920

City of Port Orchard  
360-876-4991

You may also contact:  
Kitsap County Health District  
(360) 337-5235



### The Mutt Mitt Program

Community volunteers can enhance the safety and enjoyment of neighborhood common areas, trails, and other open spaces by making pet waste cleanup easy and convenient for dog owners. For more information about sponsoring a station visit:

[www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/muttmitt\\_app.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/muttmitt_app.htm)

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## PET WASTE IS NATURAL, BUT...



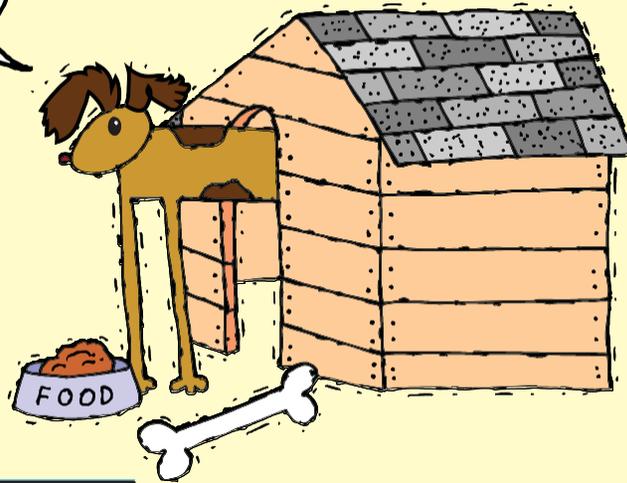
With our roads and efficient drainage systems, dog waste has a fairly easy and direct route to our lakes and streams.



# Dogs in Kitsap County produce over 11,000 pounds of waste each day

Over 5 tons everyday!

Each of the 15,000 dogs in our county drops 3/4 pound of waste per day.



# Proper Disposal of Dog Waste

Pick up and dispose of dog waste frequently.

Bag it and put it in the trash.

Landfills are designed to safely handle pet waste. Yards, trails, streets, parks, toilets, and compost piles are not!



When left on the ground, the waste and bacteria are easily washed into our streams, lakes, and bays. Shellfish get food from this polluted water.

Would you eat these shellfish?

Would you swim in this water?

