## ENVIRONMENT



## THE SCOOP ON DOG POOP

Did you know that all dog waste can make you, your family—and others in our community—sick? It's true.

## THE FACTS

Kitsap's 15,000 dogs produce more than 11,000 pounds of waste EVERY DAY—an average of three-fourths pound per dog per day! When left on the ground, the waste and its bacteria are easily washed by rain and melting snow into our streams, lakes, and bays.

Today, with a vast array of roads, homes, and efficient drainage systems, dog waste has an easier and more direct route to our lakes and streams. The result is polluted waters: waters where the shellfish we eat come from; waters we swim in.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Pick up and dispose of your dog's waste regularly.
- Double-bag the waste, and toss it out with your garbage.



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- If your home is on a public sewer, flushing dog waste down the toilet is OK.
- NEVER flush pet waste if your home is on a septic system.