



# SCOOP THE POOP, PROTECT THE WATER



**1.4M**  
Dogs in Colorado

Each dog generates about

**12 oz.**  
of waste per day

That's **274 lbs.**

of waste per year

Equalling a Colorado total of **390M lbs.** pounds per year...



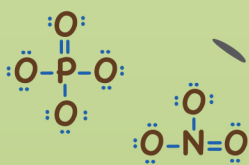
... equivalent to **4,126** dumptrucks' worth!



**390M Pounds!**

If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, that **390 million pounds** of poop can wash into your waterways every year!

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Dog waste contains 10% phosphates and 2% nitrates.

**39M**  
**8M**

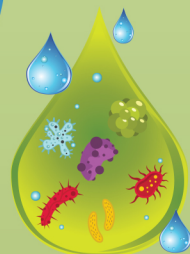
Just in Colorado, that's 39 million pounds of phosphates and 8 million pounds of nitrogen generated by dog poop every year.



These nutrients contribute to algae growth, causing low oxygen in the water that can kill fish and other aquatic life.



Rain and snowmelt washes dog waste into our storm drains that connect to rivers and lakes without treatment where it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds...



... making the water murky, green, smelly and even unusable for swimming, boating or fishing.

### PLUS

Dog waste can spread pathogens that can be transmitted from pets to humans, including salmonella, giardia, parvovirus among others.



### AND...

Parasite eggs dispersed by poop can survive for years in outdoor areas.



## WHAT YOU CAN DOO



### Pick it Up

Carry extra pet waste bags on every walk



### Pitch It

Make sure to put the bags in a garbage can



### Pay a Scooper

There are several local and affordable pooper scooper businesses available online



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