



Pet Waste & Water Pollution



The **Town of Hammonton** enforces an ordinance that requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper.

Town of Hammonton Code Ordinance: **Article IV - Control of Dogs § 82-36.**

Sanitary requirements: codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hammonton

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in water bodies. Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

Proper Pet Waste Disposal



Put it in the trash or flush it down the toilet.

Do not flush bags, debris or non-biodegradable items.

For more information visit:

- NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation: www.nj.gov
- EPA Polluted Runoff Pollution: www.epa.gov

*Thank you
for doing
your part to
keep New
Jersey's
waters clean.*

