

Pet Waste Best Management Practices



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

BMPs are procedures and practices that help to prevent pollutants such as pet waste, dirt, chemicals, trash, metal, automotive fluids, and other pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.

The storm sewer system consists of curb, gutter, catch basins, pipes, ditches, stormwater ponds, as well as natural drainage such as creeks and rivers.

Pet waste is full of bacteria. This poses a health risk to pets and people. When it rains pet waste gets carried into the storm sewer system. The bacteria ends up in stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

Be responsible and clean up after your pets.

- ◆ Carry a plastic bag when walking your pets and be sure to pick up after them.
- ◆ Clean up pet waste in your yard frequently.
- ◆ Never hose pet waste into the street or gutter.

DID YOU KNOW

Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer or wastewater treatment plant.

The primary purpose of a storm drain is to carry rainwater and snowmelt away from developed areas to prevent flooding. As water flows over the ground it picks up a variety of pollutants which then flow to local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

The City of Moorhead is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants entering waterways.

