

## Be a Chesapeake Bay Retriever:



**Bring along 1-2 bags when walking your dog.**



**Keep a roll of bags on the leash so not forgotten.**



**Pick up pet waste from your lawn.**



**Spread the word. Tell others about pet waste and water quality.**



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## Protect the South River and Chesapeake Bay

**Be a Good Neighbor.....**



**GET THE SCOOP and CLEAN UP THE POOP!**

## What's the Big Stink About Pet Waste?



- ◆ The EPA considers dog waste a non-point source water pollutant.
- ◆ Dog waste contains parasites, bacteria and nutrients.
- ◆ The parasites and bacteria can be transmitted directly to humans
- ◆ When washed into waterbodies, waste can be toxic to the aquatic ecosystem.

## Did You Know?

**78.2 Million**

*Dogs live in the United States*

**30,000 Tons**

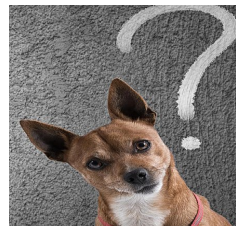
*Waste is produced daily*

**10.9 Million**

*Tons/year*

**40 Percent**

*Owners do not pick up waste*



### Myth

*Some of the population believe that Dog waste can be used as a fertilizer. However, dog waste is too acidic and can transmit pathogens and parasites to humans.*

## What Happens When You Don't Scoop?

**DECOMPOSITION**



**Toxic Bacteria Seeps into Soil**

**Washed into Waterways**



**Algal Blooms causing fish kills**  
**Contaminates drinking water supply**

**If Your Dog Poops**

**You must scoop...**

**Even If No One Sees You!**