

# Why do h2o heroes scoop poop?



## TO:

- Fight the spread of unsafe diseases and bacteria
- Stop SIP (step in poop) occurrences
- Earn their dog's undying affection
- Protect water quality
- All of the above

H2O Heroes know that when pet waste is left behind, it washes into stormdrains and ditches. From there, it heads straight to our local rivers, lakes and streams. No filters, no cleansing.

**Be an H2O Hero and YOUR DOG'S BEST FRIEND:  
SCOOP IT, BAG IT, AND PITCH IT IN THE TRASH!**

Learn more at [www.hrwc.org/h2oheroes](http://www.hrwc.org/h2oheroes).

# h2o heroes



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## Tips for h2o heroes

### PROPERLY DISPOSE OF DOG POOP AND KITTY LITTER.

Scoop it, bag it, and pitch it in the trash. Pet waste is not suitable for compost or fertilizer. It can carry diseases and bacteria, which are unsafe for humans.

### DON'T FLUSH DRUGS.

Protect your drinking water by disposing of excess or unwanted pet medications through the Washtenaw County Pharmaceutical Take Back Program. Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to "filter out" drugs and personal care items.

Safely dispose of needles, syringes with attached needles or disposable lancets, all known as "sharps". Improperly discarded sharps can injure family members, waste and recycling workers, or end up in places where they are a danger to the public.

Learn more at [www.dontflushdrugs.com](http://www.dontflushdrugs.com)

### Donate.

Give unneeded food and supplies to a local animal shelter or pet-care provider.

For information on pet waste disposal and other ways to protect water quality:

**Washtenaw County  
Water Resources Commissioner**

[www.ewashtenaw.org](http://www.ewashtenaw.org) 734-222-6833

**Huron River Watershed Council**

[www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org) 734-769-5123