

PET CARE

..... FOR

CLEAN WATER



**Macatawa Area
Coordinating Council**

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

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STEPS TO PROTECT OUR WATER

Pet waste contains bacteria and nutrients that can be harmful to our lakes and streams. If not picked up, stormwater can wash pet waste into surface water. Stormwater is not treated at the wastewater treatment plant, so bacteria and nutrients can go right into Lake Macatawa!

Carry bags with you on walks. Keep some handy near your pet's leash, by your door or in your car.

Make use of "**pet waste stations**" in neighborhoods and parks.

Routinely **pick up pet waste** in your yard.

Pick up your pet's waste **before watering your lawn**. Don't use a hose to clean pet waste off the driveway or sidewalk.

Share this message with family and friends that picking up your pet's waste can have a positive impact on our watershed!