



DO YOU KNOW Why DOG Waste in Your BACKYARD is a PROBLEM ?

A single gram of dog waste can contain

23 MILLION BACTERIA*

This is 10 times that of a cow! You can help by **picking up your dog WASTE in YOUR BACKYARD 100 %** of the time!



Pet Waste is a leading cause of bacterial pollution in Anne Arundel County's neighborhood streams and rivers.

Scoop the poop, bag it and trash it

Clean backyards. Clean streams. Clean communities.

Provided courtesy of Snohomish County Public Works, Surface Water Management Division.

Scientific testing in your **COMMUNITY** has shown **bacteria in Marley Creek is up to 80 times above the safe limit.**

YOUR HEALTH—Leaving pet waste on the ground may pose a risk to children and adults who can be exposed to disease.

YOUR WATER—Pet waste carries disease causing organisms such as giardia and **salmonella, which can make water unsafe for drinking or swimming**

YOUR BACKYARD— Dog waste and other pollutants left in your BACKYARD, go straight into Marley Creek when rain falls.

Exciting Upcoming Events:

April/May: We have already tested the water to see how much bacteria is in Marley Creek. Check the results at www.facebook.com/SouthgateScoopers.

July 26 (3 pm– 6 pm): Join us for a fabulous block party at Southgate Old Mill Park! Bring your dog with you, we will have **veterinarians groomers, giveaways and more!** Tell your friends to bring their dogs too.

August: Forget the Capital or Baltimore Sun, the next great paper is coming and everyone gets a free subscription to the Poopy-Times.

September/October: We will be retesting the water to see if our collective efforts have reduced bacteria in Marley Creek. Results will be sent via email and available on Facebook.

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Visit us on FACEBOOK to see the **BACTERIA LEVELS** associated with YOUR **backyard!**

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthgateScoopers>



This project is brought to you by the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA). WSA is a non-profit organization located at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville. Our mission is to engage communities in reducing water pollution by identifying, training and supporting Master Watershed Stewards throughout Anne Arundel County. Master Watershed Stewards are highly trained volunteers who work with their communities to reduce and prevent water pollutants, such as sediment, bacteria and nutrients. For more information, please contact the Master Watershed Stewards near you or visit www.aawsa.org.

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