Cleaning up pet waste is good for your health and the environment! Seriously. Pet waste left on the ground, especially near streets and sidewalks, gets washed into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow to your local waterway...without being treated! Bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health. Not only is picking up after your pooch the neighborly thing to do, it's the healthy thing to do... for you and the environment!

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Know what's grosser than picking up dog poop?

Stepping in it. Know what's even grosser than that? Swimming in, fishing from, and drinking water that has dog poop in it! Please pick up after your pooch.

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What is the Office of Environmental Education?

Environmental education (EE) is a learning process that increases people's knowledge and awareness about the environment and associated challenges, develops the necessary skills and expertise to address the challenges, and fosters attitudes, motivations, and commitments to make informed decisions and take responsible action. The Office of Environmental Education supports and promotes quality EE throughout North Carolina. This is accomplished through several initiatives including:

- Serving as a clearinghouse for EE materials, information and workshops.
- Informing educators about EE opportunities for students and for their own professional development.
- Managing the NC Environmental Education Certification Program.
- Designating, supporting and promoting more than 190 Environmental Education Centers across North Carolina.
- Managing the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Library.
- Disseminating EE materials to the adult public.
- Collaborating with other agencies to create quality EE materials and workshops.

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