



# PET WASTE



Pet waste has two main types of pollutants that can cause harm to our waterways: nutrients and pathogens. When pet waste decomposes in water, nutrients are released causing growth of algae and weeds. The water becomes murky, smelly and possibly not usable for swimming, boating or fishing. Pet waste enters our waterways, such as Morses Pond from catch basins, or directly from the ground during a storm event.

## How to prevent pet waste from entering our waterways?

- Bring a bag with you when walking your pet.
- “Scoop” up pet waste and dispose of it in a trash receptacle or in the toilet.
- Tell friends and family who own pets how to dispose of pet waste.
- Keep pets on a leash, especially near waterways.
- Never throw pet waste bags into a catch basin, see below.
- Do not bring pets where they are not allowed.



CATCH BASIN

Residents are reminded to never dispose of pet waste collection bags by placing them in a catch basin. They will be flushed through the Town’s drainage system and eventually end up in wetlands or natural waterbodies.