

ALL PET WASTE AND LITTER must be BAGGED
before disposal in refuse cans

STOP BEFORE YOU TOSS!

1. **Pet waste is raw sewage that can spread disease.** Giardia, Salmonella, E. coli, Cryptosporidium, Parvovirus, and Toxoplasma (which can affect unborn babies).
2. **Loose pet waste and litter put your refuse crew at risk of contact with this biohazard. (Yes, it happens.)** The hard-working crew that keeps our town clean and healthy deserves protection from your pet's waste.
3. **ALL garbage will be required to be bagged before going into refuse bins beginning this fall.**



IS IT IN A BAG?

Pet waste, like medical waste, needs to be disposed in a way that protects us, our pets, and our ecosystem. Re-use plastic vegetable, bread, and cereal bags. Buy or re-use paper bags. Or buy biodegradable bags. Be sure to seal the bag.

NOW IT'S SAFE TO TOSS!

Dispose of pet waste in the garbage, NOT the yard waste bin. The Town's yard waste compost doesn't reach high enough temperatures to destroy harmful organisms in pet waste. Your own compost likely doesn't either. Pathogens can survive for months in soil and water.

Don't flush it. Municipal wastewater systems are not designed to kill the bacteria and pathogens in cat waste. Also, even "flushable" litter puts your pipes at risk of clogging.

Really. Don't flush it. Toxoplasmosis has been found in marine mammals including dolphins, humpbacks, sea otters, and monk seals that have eaten sea life exposed to pet waste parasites not killed in the wastewater treatment process. Coastal communities cannot afford to flush pet waste.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!