

# Samish Bay is Polluted and Needs Your Help!

## Be a Good Steward Clean Up After Your Dog

### What Can you Do?

- *Be sure to bring a bag with you when walking your dog.*
- *ALWAYS pick up after your dog.*
- *Make sure to put your bagged waste in a trash can, don't leave it on the trail!*
- *Inform others why it is important to pick up pet waste.*



For more information on what Skagit County and others are doing for Clean Water check out our website:

[www.skagitcounty.net/cleanwater](http://www.skagitcounty.net/cleanwater)

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### Pet Waste Facts

- Pet waste contains bacteria that pollute our streams and bays when left in the environment.
- These bacteria can get into waterways **EVEN** when the poop is in a vegetated area which is why it is important to **ALWAYS** pick up your dogs waste, even when it is not on a main path or trail.
- A single gram of dog waste contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. That means in a **SINGLE** day, **ONE** dog leaves over 5 trillion fecal coliform bacteria in the environment.
- Loading counts over 4.7 trillion fecal coliform/day cause shellfish beds to close down and make the water unsafe for swimming.
- Samish Bay has recently been downgraded from "approved" to "conditionally approved" for shellfish harvesting due to continued high fecal concentrations.



Clean Water Begins With You and Me.

# LEAVE ONLY PAW PRINTS!



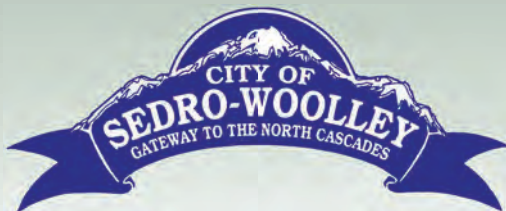
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POOP  
LEFT  
BEHIND**



Be  
**Stormwater SMART**

## 4 Easy Steps:

- 1) Scoop it;
- 2) Bag it;
- 3) Put it in the trash;
- 4) Wash your hands.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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