

How pet waste makes its way to the ocean

-  Pet waste left on the beach, street, or lawn will eventually end up in the ocean.
-  Rainfall carrying pet waste runs off into our rivers, streams, and storm drains and eventually enters the ocean untreated.
-  Bacteria can also persist and regrow in sand, sediments, and algae mats long after the source has been removed.



Dogs are **NOT** allowed on
Ogunquit Beach
April 1st-September 10th

What to Do With Doo



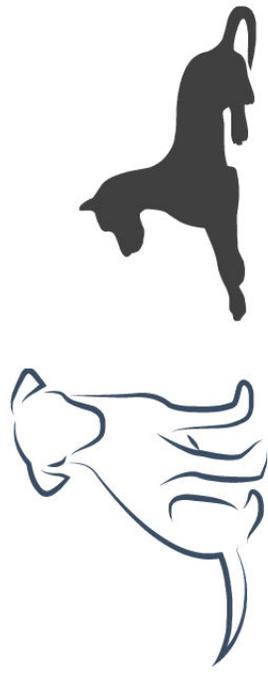
Clean up after your pets
and do your part to keep
Ogunquit Beach healthy!



With questions or concerns contact:

Town Manager/Beach Manager
(207) 646-5139

If interested in water quality at Maine's
beaches visit
www.mainehealthybeaches.org



The Inside Scoop

Pet waste contributes to unsafe bacteria levels in water and sand.



Symptoms that can occur from contact with unsafe bacteria levels:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Stomach cramps
- Chills and fever
- Skin rashes
- Infections (eyes, ears, nose, and throat)

What to do

 Pick it up with a plastic bag and place in a trash can or proper receptacle

 Flush it down the toilet

*Do not flush any type of bag

 Compost for use on flowers and other decorative plants. *Do not use on vegetable gardens

In Ogunquit:

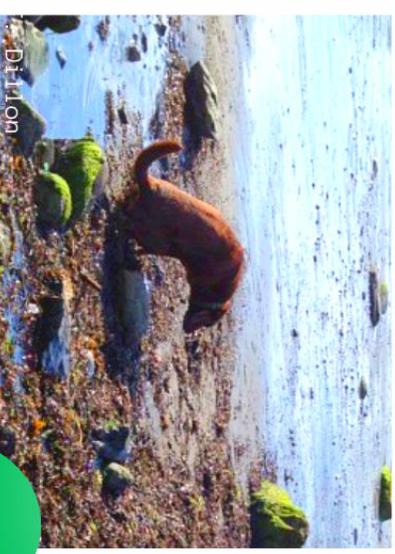
Except for property belonging to the owner, the owner of any pet or animal shall remove from private or public property any animal offal, which that pet or animal excretes.

The first offense shall merit a \$150 fine. The second or additional offenses shall merit a \$250 fine for each separate offense.



The Bottom Line

Preventing pet waste from making its way into our water resources is an easy way you can help keep our beaches healthy and safe for swimming.



Did you know . . .

Just one gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. That is nearly twice the 13 million found in human waste!

www.stopthehogs.com/pdf/pathogens.pdf; Van der Wel 1995.

