

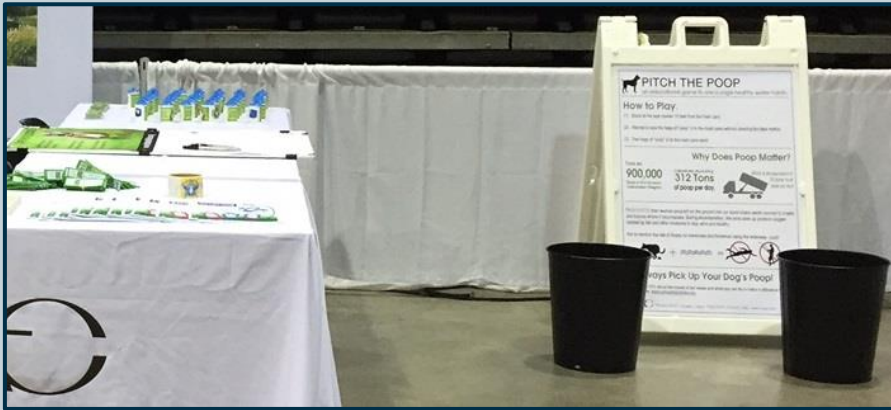
Outreach Material Available for Loan Out

The following materials are available for loan out and use for outreach purposes. Loan outs are free for individuals, teachers, and city, civic or nonprofit organizations. The materials are well suited to a variety of outreach and education formats.

To discuss the materials or schedule a loan out, please contact WaterResources@h-gac.com.

If you use the materials at an educational or outreach event, please use the reporting form to share how many people you reached.

Educational Display Loan Outs: Pet Waste



I Pledge...

To Throw Pup's Poop Away,
Not Leave It For Another Day.

I Will Not Leave It in the Rain,
And Will Not Flush It Down the Drain.

Each and Every Time My Pup Poops,
I Hereby Pledge to Scoop and Scoop.

Then Straight to the Can I Will Dash,
And Put My Pup's Poop in the Trash.

www.petwastepollutes.org



THE TROUBLE WITH DOG POOP
and how we can protect our waterways, one bag at a time.

We love our pups, but not the germ-y little "gifts" they leave behind. Turns out our rivers, streams, and lakes don't like them much, either.


There are: **900,000** Dogs in the Houston-Galveston Region

Collectively depositing **312 Tons** of poop per day.

Which is the equivalent of 52 dump truck loads per day!

RAIN WATER washes poop left on the ground into our storm drains which connect to creeks and bayous where it decomposes. During decomposition, the poop uses up precious oxygen needed by fish and other creatures to stay alive and healthy.

Not to mention the risk of illness for swimmers and fisherman using the waterway...yuck!



THIS MEANS THAT...

You could be exposed to bacteria, viruses, and parasites that live in dog poop.

This can be quite dangerous to the old, young, and folks with compromised immune systems.

Pathogens are dangerous to kids playing in the yard, and they can contaminate anything edible growing in your garden.


WHAT CAN YOU DO?


Always pick up after your pet, no matter where it is.

Carry spare bags on your daily dog walk, and use them to encourage others to pick up after their pooch!

If bags aren't your thing, bury waste at a minimum of 5 inches in the ground and far away from your garden or well.

LEARN MORE about the effects of pet waste and what you can do to make a difference by visiting our website, www.petwastepollutes.org.

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 BAVOU LAKER BAYOU WATERS TRASH BAIL

Pitch the Poop Poster: Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Educational Display Loan Outs: Fats, Oils & Grease



DON'T FEED
THE GREASE MONSTER

Throw fats and grease in the trash, and recycle cooking oil. Keep our pipes clean. For more information on fighting the Grease Monster, visit www.ceasthegrease.net.

Bacteria is a common source of pollution in Texas waters. Improper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG) contributes to the problem.

Where does FOG come from?

- ▲ Meat
- ▲ Cooking oils, lard, shortening
- ▲ Butter & margarine
- ▲ Dairy products
- ▲ Mayo, salad dressings, sour cream

Why does FOG matter?

- ▲ Sticks to pipes from the sink to the sewer
- ▲ Causes sewage backups into homes, streets, and storm drains
- ▲ Pollutes local waters with raw sewage
- ▲ Costly repairs for homeowners and taxpayers

What can YOU do?

- ▲ No FOG or food scraps down the sink or garbage disposal
- ▲ Wipe grease off dishes before rinsing
- ▲ Flushing FOG with hot or cold water will NOT prevent grease build-up in pipes
- ▲ Call a professional rather than use chemicals to clear a grease clog

GREASE: A MONSTER OF A PROBLEM

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Grease Monster Poster: Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Educational Display Loan Outs: Nonpoint Source Pollution (Residential)



WHEN IT RAINS, YOUR YARD DRAINS

Prevent Stormwater Pollution
Where It Starts



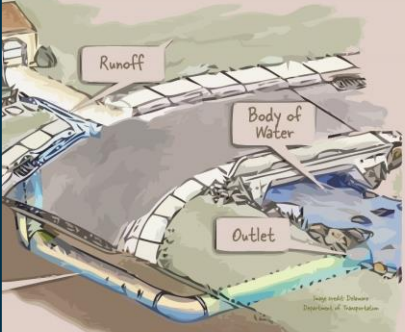
I PLEDGE...

To keep the storm drain clear,
Protecting it from pollutants far and near.

Whether yard chemicals in abundance or litter uncollected,
The presence of pollutants will leave our water affected.

So here and now I pledge to use LID to prevent,
Stormwater pollution to a major extent.

To ensure safe and clean water for our nation,
Protecting our water for future generations.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

T or F Runoff is rain that is not absorbed and ends up in the storm drain or nearest waterway.

T or F Stormwater runoff is not treated to remove pollutants.

T or F Residential properties are potential sources of many pollutants.

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Low Impact Development Poster: Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese



Educational Display Loan Outs: Litter and Recycling



I PLEDGE...

To not be rash,
And not just throw something in the trash.

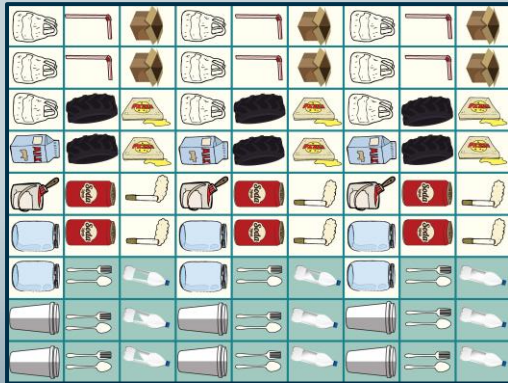
I will look before I throw,
To find the place where it should go.

Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse,
These are the options I will choose.

I will limit waste in all these ways,
So it doesn't pollute our waterways.

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Fish Me From The Watershed

and sort me where I go

@ home

@ the recycle center

@ retailers

household hazardous waste

shows the type of plastic - to find where items can be recycled near you, visit Earth911.com

35% of trash in the U.S. is recycled annually

80% of marine debris comes from inland sources

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Litter Poster: Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Educational Display Loan Outs: Water Quality Posters

The Journey of Trash

Plastic bags, cups, straws and cigarette butts wash into storm drains and end up in our rivers, lakes and bays.

They eventually find their way into the food chain.

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What Can You Do?

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU BECOME A CLEAN WATER STEWARD

- Only Rinse Down the Storm Drain**
Prevent pollution and flooding, never put anything down the storm drain.
- Properly Dispose of Fats, Oils & Grease**
Recall the 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle. Don't pour, dump or overflow. No fats, oils, and grease down the drain.
- Pick Up Pet Waste**
Pick up the poop to prevent bacteria from washing into our waterways.
- Put Trash in Its Place**
Never throw away food, auto, and recycling in river positions.
- Don't Over-Fertilize Your Lawn**
Local 4-H and 1-800-4-a-gardener are ready to help you choose the right fertilizer.
- Get Involved**
Volunteer for events like Trash Bash (www.TrashBash.org). Educate your friends and family on how they can help. Join a watershed association to make a difference.

Learn more at www.h-gac.com/water

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Set of 3 Water Quality Outreach Posters: Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Educational Display Loan Outs: Enviroscape Watershed Portable Model



Educational Display Loan Outs: Freddie The Fish Nonpoint Source Pollution Lesson

Freddy the Fish is a simple, story-based lesson on water quality and nonpoint source pollution. The lesson is best suited for formal education settings with grades 2-4. The kit comes with instructions, story, fishbowl, toy fish, and materials representing nonpoint source pollution.