

**If you think picking up dog
poop is unpleasant...try
fishing or swimming in it!**



#1 SOURCE OF BACTERIA

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that washes into waterways causing poor water quality, shellfish bed closures and recreational swimming advisories. You can make a difference for Hewletts and Bradley Creeks by picking up after your pet and disposing of the waste properly. Not picking up after your pet on public property can result in fines of \$250. **Please protect our waterways by cleaning up after your pet; it's the law and it's your doody!**



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The City and its community partners are focusing efforts to restore water quality and shellfishing in Bradley and Hewletts Creeks.

STORMWATER POLLUTION: PET WASTE

Uncollected pet waste is the #1 source of harmful bacteria in Hewletts and Bradley Creeks. Stormwater runoff washes bacteria from pet waste directly into creeks polluting them and causing a public health hazard. Always pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly.

As a resident or business in the **Bradley or Hewletts Creek Watershed**, you play a key role in the future health of these creeks. For more information, go to **wilmingtonnc.gov/stormwater**.