

# NEWS DRAIN

Stormwater News You Can Use

## LAWN & ORDER

It is officially yard work season! Start off on the right stormwater-focused foot with these helpful tips from our friends at Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay!

Set mower height to 3 inches or higher.

Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves on-site

Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains

Fertilizers for lawn- do you need it? If so- what, where, when, and how much?

[More great tips here!](#)

## DO YOUR DOODY, SCOOP THE POOP!



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### The Problem with Poop

We all know that pet waste left unattended is just plain gross. But did you know that unscooped poop causes huge problems for waterways like rivers, lakes, and streams? The EPA classifies dog waste as **non-point source pollution**, along with herbicides and insecticides, oil, grease, and toxic chemicals. Not only is pet waste unsightly and smelly, but it contains an abundance of bacteria, parasites, worms, and more that wash into local waterways and pollute our natural resources. Pet waste can also make people, pets, and wildlife very sick by acting as a vector for disease transmission. It even attracts unwanted attention from pests.

[Read More Here!](#)

GOLLY, MA, LOOK  
WHAT CRAWLED OUT  
OF THE STORM DRAIN!  
AW, YOUR FATHER'S  
BEEN OVERSPREADING  
FERTILIZER  
AGAIN!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



On April 23, 175 volunteers picked up 85 bags of trash (along with other large items: kitchen countertops and half a car!) as part of our second annual Litter Sweep event. This event is a project of the Stormwater Department and the Anne Springs Close Greenway. Our volunteers helped make a huge difference in our community! Join us for the next volunteer event by signing up for [Second Saturday Service!](#)