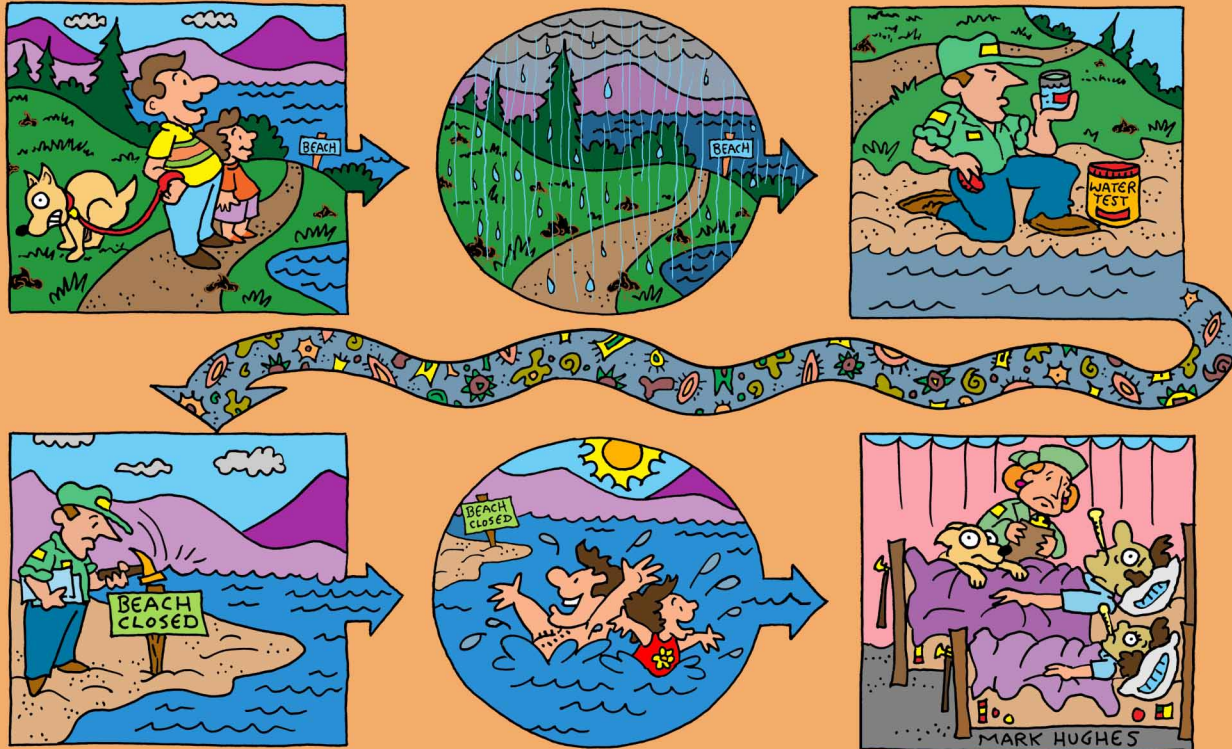


Get the Scoop on Poop



When dogs do what dogs do, do the right thing:

- You wouldn't let your dog poop in the lake, but if you leave it on the ground, that's exactly what you're doing.
- Be responsible for your pet's poop.
- Don't wait for the rain to wash it away.
- Pick it up, bag it, and drop it in the trash or flush it down the toilet.
- Keep Lake Champlain clean and safe for swimmers, boaters, and wildlife.

There are over 20,000,000 *E. coli* colonies in one gram of dog poop and approximately 2,000 registered dogs in Burlington.

Just about every dog owner has done it one time or another. Your dog poops, you look around to make sure no one's watching, then you walk away. But did you know you could be making yourself sick the next time you swim in Lake Champlain, even if it's months from now?

Doggy droppings are one of the leading causes of *E. Coli*, a nasty little bacteria that causes big-time infections. You may not think one little pile can be a problem, but multiply that little pile by thousands of dogs. Now, think about it washing into a stream and the Lake the next time it rains or snows.



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