



INFORMATION SOURCES

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD7540.html>

"Manure and Pasture Management for Recreational Horse Owners", a series of web sites by the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Includes plans for building a composting bin, detailed discussion of the composting process, information on pasture management, and an extensive list of additional sources of information.

<http://www.horsesforcleanwater.com/>

This link takes you to Horses for Clean Water, a non-profit environmental education organization based in Washington state. The site has several fact sheets on a number of manure related topics including composting, eliminating mud, and pasture management. A page called "Know Your Resources" lists many other useful web sites, programs and publications, including where to find pest control products, fly masks, bat houses, books, pamphlets, and newspaper bedding. Contact Alayne Blickle, program coordinator, at 425-432-6116 or via email at alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com for more information.

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/representation/Resource000002_Rep2.pdf

This link takes you to the online version of the Good Neighbor Guide for Horse-Keeping: Manure Management, an excellent publication developed by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

<http://www.oacd.org/>

One of a series of Small Acreage Fact Sheets by Oregon's Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District, including tips on controlling mud, good and bad environmental practices, and a year-round calendar of activities for sound farm and pasture management. (Click on "Small Acreage Landowner Fact Sheets" on the left side.)

<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/300series/386000-8.pdf>

"Environmental Guidelines for Horse Owners" by the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Extensive coverage of environmental issues for horse owners including manure management and storage as well as more general resource protection issues. The site also provides other references.

<http://www.uwex.edu/farmasyst/>

Links to Farm and Home assistance addressing farm management and environmental management for homeowners.



This information is available in alternative format by calling our ADA Coordinator at (617) 574-6872.

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<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/index.htm>

This link takes you to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Resource Protection website.

For other fact sheets regarding water quality and horse management, or for technical assistance and information about grant funding to address nonpoint source pollution, contact Jane Peirce, nonpoint source coordinator, at 508-767-2792 or jane.peirce@state.ma.us.

Manure Management for Healthy Horses
Manure Impacts on Surface Water Quality
Mud and Pasture Management
Composting
Vegetated Buffer Strips

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking.htm>

Information and publications about Massachusetts DEP Drinking Water Program and Regulations

Regional Coordinators Drinking Water Program

Western Regional Office – Deirdre Cabral	413-755-2148
Central Regional Office – Marielle Stone	508-767-2827
Northeast Regional Office – Tom Mahin	978-694-3226
Southeast Regional Office – Richard Rondeau	508-946-2816
Boston Water Supply - Kathleen Romero	617-292-5727

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/resources/wetlands.htm>

Information and publications about Massachusetts' Wetlands program and regulations

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/programs/aEEP/index.htm>

Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture is a source of funding for some commercial agriculture management strategies.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is a Federal agency that works in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain our natural resources.

Natural Resource Conservation Service Centers:

Berkshire CD	(413) 443-6867	Hampden-Hampshire CD	(413) 586-5440
Essex-Middlesex-Suffolk CD	(978) 692-1904	N.E.N.W., S. Worcester CD	(508) 829-6628
Bristol-Plymouth-Norfolk CD	(508) 295-5151	Cape Cod – Nantucket-Dukes CD	(508) 771-6476
UMass Cooperative Extension Service	(413) 545-4800		

<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/>

EPA's home page for general information about non-point source pollution and watershed protection

<http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/anafobmp.html#Nutrient/Manure%20Management>

Agricultural Best Management Practices from the US Environmental Protection Agency

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/index.htm>

The State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services Water Supply Fact Sheets. There are detailed fact sheets about types of wells, proper methods of abandonment and sealing and water quality.

<http://www.oacd.org/>

More from Oregon's Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District about how to provide water for stock without impacting streams and surface waters. Click on "Small Acreage Landowner Fact Sheets" on the left side.

<http://www.soils.umn.edu/research/mn-river/doc/links.html>

An extensive list of links provided by the University of Minnesota, covering a wide range of agricultural non-point source information

http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/display.abstractDetail/abstract/5308/report/0

A short summary of a project by the National Center for Environmental research, demonstrating the beneficial effect of riparian poplar tree buffers on water quality

www.carverma.org/documents/boh/bohwestnilehorse.pdf

"West Nile Virus: A Risk to Horses in Massachusetts?" West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease, and mosquitoes need water for breeding. The mosquito that carries this virus breeds in stagnant water, not in ponds and wetlands. This fact sheet from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health discusses statistics, symptoms, ways to reduce risk, and provides links to other related sites.

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