

# Horsekeeping: Information Sources

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/horse/care/horse-manure/>

"Manure and Pasture Management for Recreational Horse Owners", a web site 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://extension.unh.edu/resources/representation/Resource000002\\_Rep2.pdf](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.

[MassDAR Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program](#)

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

[USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

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

[US EPA: What is Nonpoint Source Pollution?](#)

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

[US EPA: Animal Feeding Operations - Best Management Practices](#)

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://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer\\_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/display.abstractDetail/abstract/5308/report/0](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

<http://www.carverma.org/sites/carverma/files/uploads/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 Town of Carver discusses statistics, symptoms, ways to reduce risk, and provides links to other related sites.

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 Malcolm Harper, 319 Program Coordinator, at 508-767-2795 or [malcolm.harper@state.ma.us](mailto:malcolm.harper@state.ma.us).

Information and publications about Massachusetts DEP Drinking Water Program and Regulations

Regional Coordinators, Drinking Water Program:

Western Regional Office - Deirdre Doherty, 413-755-2148

Central Regional Office – Robert Bostwick, 508-849-4036

Northeast Regional Office - Tom Mahin, 978-694-3226

Southeast Regional Office - Richard Rondeau, 508-946-2816

Boston Water Supply - Kathleen Romero, 617-292-5727