

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY: MANURE STORAGE

Storage facilities must be no closer than 15 metres from a watercourse or 30 metres from a well.

PRACTICAL HINT: POLLUTION CAN BE CONSIDERED A SITUATION WHERE THE WATER IS LIKELY OR HAS BECOME:

1. DIRTY IN APPEARANCE,
2. HAS A FILM,
3. HAS AN ODOUR, OR
4. NOT DRINKABLE.

OTHER PRACTICAL HINTS: THE PRESENCE OF OPEN WATER NEAR A SITE SHOULD RESULT IN MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Manure must NOT cause pollution. Do NOT apply agricultural wastes to frozen land, saturated soils, areas having standing water, or at rates that exceed the amount needed for plant growth if the wastes can go beyond the farm boundary. Try to keep the wastes 3 to 5 metres from the boundary.

FIELD STORAGE (a temporary stock of agricultural waste ready to be drawn upon for use as crop fertilizer or soil conditioner) of solid waste is allowed:

- For as long as nine months as long as it is no closer than 30 metres from a watercourse – it cannot be closer to a watercourse if stored uncovered for less than two weeks,
- And field-stored manure must be covered between October 1 and April 1 if the average precipitation during that time exceeds 600 mm (generally along the coast).

UNDER-PEN STORAGE of solid waste from fur-bearing animals is allowed for as long as nine months as long as it is no closer than 15 metres from a watercourse and 30 metres from a well.



Failure to meet any of these individual requirements could result in the imposition of an Administrative Penalty of up to \$40,000.

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