

## Horse Stables

Horse stables that are incorrectly operated can have a detrimental impact on the water quality of local waterways and also harbour insects and vermin.



Incorporating the following guidelines into the daily management and operation of your business will help you comply with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and Public Health Act and subordinate legislations.

### Stormwater and wastewater management

- To prevent contamination of surrounding soil, stormwater or waterways, control stormwater entering and leaving animal accommodation or other areas where it may become contaminated with animal excrement, food, sawdust, cleaning products (detergents, disinfectants) or pesticides
- Ensure fresh stockpiles of sawdust and straw are protected from stormwater runoff
- Cover and bund areas where necessary to avoid the intrusion or contamination of stormwater
- Store wastes under cover to prevent rainwater washing contaminants into waterways
- Contain any contaminated wastewater in holding tanks and organise disposal by a licensed waste removalist
- Remove and appropriately dispose of horse droppings from roads or other public places as quickly as possible
- Horse wash down bays are to be covered, bunded, and drained to sewer through an appropriate treatment device to be approved by Council's Trade Waste Section.

### Prevention of insects and vermin

- Feed for horses must be stored in vermin-proof containers with tight-fitting lids
- Food scraps, excrement or offensive material must be collected at least once a day. Stables also should be cleaned and disinfected daily to prevent disease
- Make sure manure and straw is kept in a manner that does not attract flies or harbour vermin. Manure is to be stored in a sealed container or bin
- Make sure materials such as loose timber or spare tyres do not accumulate as they may attract vermin
- Drain and clean water troughs weekly. Check regularly for mosquito larvae
- Check rainwater tanks to make sure all openings are screened to prevent mosquitoes breeding.

Allowing polluted wastewater to enter stormwater drains and roadside gutters is an offence and may attract fines up to \$8,000 under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act.

### Further Information

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