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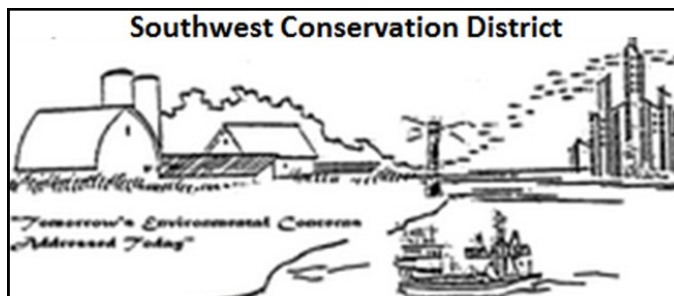
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Best Management Practices for Horse Keeping



An advisement to address and maintain common concerns regarding equine management through environmentally conscious practices.

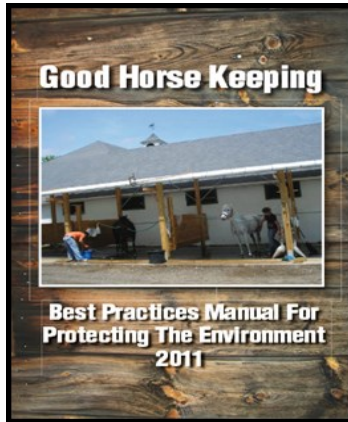
Providing Healthier Environments for Horses Through Soil and Water Conservation

Did you know there is a cost share program through NRCS to build manure facilities? Property owners only pay 25% of the total cost!

Please contact Diane Blais, the district conservationist for more information.

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Manure Management

The average horse produces up to 50 lbs of manure a day, not including bedding. Does your current waste management consider:

- Storage Facilities
 - Composting
 - Bedding Choice
- Nutrient Management



Runoff Management

Almost 100% of Connecticut resides within the Long Island Sound Watershed. Storm-water runoff mobilizes sediment, pollutants, and pathogens off the property and inevitably into the Sound. Simple methods to reduce runoff include:



- Earthen Diversions
- Roof Gutters
- Stream Crossings
- Vegetated Buffers

Pasture Management

Maintaining pastures prevents overgrazing, soil compaction, and reduces erosion while providing greater nutrition to your horse. Soil enhancements involve:

- Pasture Rotation
- Soil Testing
- Sacrifice Areas
- Fencing
- Watering



Miscellaneous

Management

- Insect Control (Fly, Mosquito, & Tick)
- Proper Disposal of Pharmaceuticals
 - Good Neighbor Guidelines

For additional information, please contact the Southwest Conservation District. We provide site assessments to local properties at no cost.

or
Need to acquire more?

Southwest Conservation District Manure Share Program

This is a free public service to facilitate the recycling of nutrients and organic matter from livestock waste in Connecticut. Our hope is by connecting these two groups we can alleviate the cost of waste disposal for livestock owners while providing a valuable resource to the public.

Please inquire at
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