

REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION

Manure that exceeds the limits of the containment device or storage area should be removed from the location by the owner, a contractor, or dumpster company. Transportation devices include barrels, pails or bags, trailer, dumpster or truck.

COMPOSTING

Composting is a viable alternative for the management of manure. With little extra effort, you can compost your manure and create valuable and useful “black gold” that will help your gardens and regenerate poor soil conditions.

DISPOSAL SITES

Manure should be transported to a Compost Facility, Commercial Farm or Grower, Commercial Materials Merchant. Manure may be spread on an owner's property. Rowley does not have a Licensed Compost Facility.



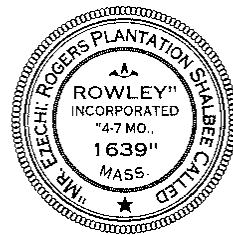
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Board of Health	978-948-2231
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Building Department	978-948-2186
Water Department	978-948-2640
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A Guide to Manure Management in Rowley

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SUGGESTED METHODS OF MANURE STORAGE

- Compost pile or bin
- Dumpster
- Outside freestanding pile (covered with a tarp during heavy rain events)
- Building or shed
- Dump truck or dump trailer

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW (MGL) AND ROWLEY BYLAWS GOVERNING MANURE

1. Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, administered by the Conservation Commission,
2. Town of Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw: Municipal Water Supply Protection District (Section 4.11),
3. Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, administered by the Conservation Commission.

MANURE CONTAINMENT AND STORAGE

Manure containment and storage should be constructed and located a minimum of 100 feet from wells, streams, bodies of water and wetland resource areas unless permitted. It is suggested that manure be stored a minimum of 15 feet from property lines. Avoid locating manure where direct runoff will create a problem on a neighboring property or wetland resource area. All chemicals must be stored and disposed of in accordance with packaging specifications. Proper storage of feed, along with fly and rodent control measures should be used to limit pest infestations.

RESPONSIBILITY

The proper management of livestock waste (manure) is the responsibility of livestock owners. When used properly, manure is an important resource. Used improperly, it can cause environmental problems.

DEFINITIONS

Livestock is defined in the Rowley “Right to Farm Bylaw” as horses, poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as ostriches), phasianids (such as pheasants), camelids (such as llamas & alpacas) and other animals for food or other agricultural purposes. For more information on the Right to Farm Bylaw, please contact the Rowley Agricultural Commission. The Commission may be reached by contacting the Selectmen’s Office at 978-948-2372.