

Rock County Animal Waste Management Ordinance

FACT SHEET

Purpose:

To regulate the location, design, construction, installation, operation, alteration of an animal waste storage facility, including the transfer of animal waste into a facility, the utilization of animal waste stored in a facility, and the abandonment of an idle storage facility in order to prevent the pollution of both the surface water and groundwater resource of Rock County.

Where Does It Apply:

This Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas of Rock County and areas that fall within the Water Quality Management Areas as defined in Section 281.16(1)(g) Wis. Stats..

Who Does It Apply To:

Any person who constructs, installs, enlarges, abandons, an animal waste storage facility; or who employs another person to do the same on land subject to this Ordinance.

What This Applies To:

1. The location, design, construction of **NEW** animal waste storage facilities and waste transfer systems.
2. The alteration of an existing facility.
3. The utilization of wastes stored in a **NEW** facility for a period of no less than 10 years.

What This Does Not Apply To:

1. Any existing animal waste storage facility **WILL NOT** be subject to regulation under this ordinance, unless the storage facility is reconstructed, enlarged, or abandoned.
2. The Ordinance **WILL NOT** require a landowner to build an animal waste storage structure on their farm(s).

Standard and Specifications:

313 - Waste Storage Facility

634 - Manure Transfer

590 - Nutrient Management

Permits:

A permit is required before any construction activity can begin or take place. Each application for a permit under this ordinance shall include a complete set of detailed construction plans and a Nutrient Management Plan. Rock County LCD staff, NRCS staff, or a licensed professional engineer may develop these plans. A certified crop consultant or the permittee who has successfully completed a certified WI DATCP course may develop plans for Nutrient Management.

Permit Fees:

All applicants shall be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 at the time of the application.