

PEPPERELL BOARD OF HEALTH STABLE REGULATIONS 06/20/17

A. PURPOSE:

The Board of Health, Town of Pepperell, Massachusetts, acting under the Authority of Ch.111, sec. 31 and 155 of the General Laws, and any amendments or additions thereto enabling, have in the interest of and for health, duly made and adopted the following regulations for the establishment, maintenance and operation of stables within the town.

Pepperell has a Right to Farm Declaration that applies to commercial operations.
<http://town.pepperell.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/201>

These regulations do not preclude the necessity for meeting other town regulations.

B. DEFINITIONS

Livestock: Livestock includes horses, cattle, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, swine, fowl, rabbits, and other farm animals housed in barns, sheds, or shelters. Livestock excludes dogs, cats, birds and domesticated animals normally kept in a residence. Livestock excludes bees.

Stable: Any building, enclosure, premises or portion thereof where livestock are kept.

C. STABLE REGULATIONS

1. The owners or persons in control of any buildings or premises, in which livestock are kept, should keep the buildings and premises clean and free from decaying food, filth, dirt and stagnant water. The building or premises should be kept in good repair so as to not expose animals to injury.
2. Fencing should be kept in good repair and of suitable material to contain the livestock. No livestock shall be allowed to roam free, nor should it be left tethered unless attended by a responsible person. The exception is Fowl which may free range but must be contained on the property.
3. Livestock shall have a turnout area of suitable size and fencing that allows them time outdoors on a daily basis. Exceptions due to weather, safety, health reasons, or generally accepted livestock practices will be taken into consideration.
4. Adequate food and water supply must be available.
5. Animals must have adequate, dry shelter. Outdoor shelter must be provided if any livestock is kept outdoors for more than eight hours and no natural shelter exists. This must consist of an appropriate type of shelter for the quantity and type of livestock as well as weather conditions.

PEPPERELL BOARD OF HEALTH MANURE GUIDELINES 06/20/17

A. PURPOSE:

The Board of Health, Town of Pepperell, Massachusetts, created these guidelines to help residents in managing their manure. They are not regulations but suggestions.

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B. MANURE GUIDELINES

1. Manure should be stored in such a way as to not leach into wetlands or waterbodies, attract pests, create excessive odors, or impact publicly owned drainage systems.
2. Safety measures should be used to protect all private water supplies, wetlands, waterbodies, and publicly owned drainage systems.
3. Ideally no more than 1-6 months' worth of manure should be stored depending on the number of animals. It should either be removed from the property, spread on pastures / farmland, or composted using generally accepted composting methods.
4. It is recommended that some type of fly control is used when manure is close to abutting properties. (I.e. Fly predators, feed through fly control, fly traps and sprays, lime, removing manure more often, etc.)
5. Consideration of the neighbors should also be taken in deciding the placement and management of the manure storage area.
6. In the event of complaints or health issues, the appropriate steps will be taken to correct the situation within the constraints of town, state and federal regulations.