

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Department of Health and Human Services

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Animal Waste Management Guidelines

These guidelines have been developed to address and prevent public health problems associated with storage and disposal of animal waste. Public health concerns include attraction and harborage of pests, odor, runoff, pollution of surface water, contamination of groundwater, unsightly premises and general public nuisance.

Manner of storage

Waste must be contained with container either closed or covered. Examples of waste containers are Dumpsters, watertight trailers, lined watertight pits or bins; and for smaller operations, plastic or metal garbage cans, garbage bags. These examples are considered closed containers. Dumpsters and garbage cans with lids, tarp covered waste storage areas and other means to keep rain and snow off stored waste are considered covered.

Frequency of Waste Removal

Waste must be removed from the property at least once every seven days. See other side of this sheet for locations of facilities accepting waste for disposal. Proper disposal does not include burying waste on your property. MOA Land Use codes do not allow use of waste as fill.

A single horse can produce about 50 pounds of manure and urine per day which needs nearly 2 ½ cubic feet of storage space. That's over eight tons of waste in a year. If bedding materials are included it adds up even quicker. In the absence of frequent removal, this amount of waste can quickly pose disposal challenges. The amount of waste stored on a property at any one time should not exceed the amount expected to be and possible to be removed within a week.

Waste storage location/ setback distances

Drinking water wells	100 feet
Streams and other surface water	25 feet
Property lines	Structures over 30" high other than fences must meet setback requirements for the zoning district in which they are located. For more information on fences, call Zoning/Land Use at 343-8380.

Composting on site, a difficult alternative to removal every seven days

Logistics can make this a difficult alternative even with only a couple of animals. Composting is the breakdown of organic material containing nitrogen and carbon in the proper ratios and in the presence of oxygen. When managed properly, it has very little or no odor. Managing material ratios and frequent turning can be labor-intensive. Compost must be contained and maintained free of odors. If you compost animal waste on your property, you will need to identify a timeframe for composting to be complete and identify an adequate destination for all compost.

Guidelines based on AMC 15.20 Public Nuisance revised 1/31/05

Anchorage Regional Landfill 343-6250
15500 E. Eagle River Loop Rd (Intersection of Glenn Highway and Hiland Road, near the community of Eagle River)

Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday CLOSED

Hazardous Waste Center waste oil accepted any day during normal business hours
Asbestos accepted Wednesday & Thursday only

Central Transfer Station 343-6250
Residential: E. 54th & Old Seward / 1150 E. 54th Ave.

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday CLOSED

Only small amounts of animal waste double-bagged in garbage bags will be accepted.

Commercial: E. 56th & Old Seward / 1111 E. 56th Ave.

Monday – Friday 6:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday CLOSED

Hazardous Waste Center
(Residential Only)
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Waste oil accepted any day during normal business hours

Girdwood Transfer Station 343-6250
Ruane Road, east of Alyeska Highway

Friday through Monday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday through Thursday CLOSED

Hazardous Waste Center
Only batteries and oil accepted during business hours

Call the information hotline at 343-6298 if you have questions about any of the services provided by or regulations concerning the MOA Solid Waste Services Department or visit their website at:
www.muni.org/sws

Central Landfill Mat-Su Valley 745-9838

South end of North 49th State Street, Mile 3 of the Palmer Wasilla Highway
Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm