

## Chapter 213

### MANURE

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Health of the Town of Dover 11-1-1993; amended in its entirety 7-10-2017.<sup>1</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Animals — See Ch. 83.

Sewage disposal systems — See Ch. 217.

Groundwater Protection Districts — See Ch. 116.

Wells — See Ch. 233.

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#### § 213-1. Definitions.

The following definitions apply:

**AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE** — A member or designee of the Board who has knowledge of farm management and/or care of large animals. The agricultural representative serves in this capacity at the discretion of the Board.

**BOARD** — The Board of Health of the Town of Dover.

**BULKING AGENT** — Straw, woodchips, sawdust and other generally accepted material normally used to stabilize manure.

**STOCKPILE** — An accumulation of horse manure and bulking agent which has been removed from animal facilities and is being stored for disposal (including eventual spreading or use as compost).

**WETLAND RESOURCE** — Any natural or man-made stream, pond, lake, river, vegetative wetland, open or subsurface drain or swamp.

#### § 213-2. Protection of wetland resources and wells.

- A. All stockpiles, regardless of volume, should be at least 100 feet from any watercourse or well unless first applying for an order of conditions from the Conservation Commission.
- B. No stockpile should be located on any ground with greater than a continuous grade of 10° if the ground slopes in the direction of a watercourse and there is reasonable likelihood that runoff from the stockpile will reach the watercourse.
- C. Stockpiles shall be stored in an encapsulated location which shall consist of the following:

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- (1) Base shall be of an impervious material and of a suitable thickness to withstand impact of motorized equipment.
- (2) Sides and rear shall be of suitable height and material to contain stockpiled manure. Excess manure to be removed from site.
- (3) Front edge shall have a minimum two-inch lip to contain liquid runoff from migrating.
- (4) Size shall not exceed 20 feet by 30 feet with a maximum storage capacity not to exceed 130 cubic yards without prior approval of the BOH or its agent.

**§ 213-3. Spreading.**

Spreading of manure should only be performed if done in a manner consistent with normal agricultural practice. Deposit of manure by horses in fields or paddocks is not regulated.

**§ 213-4. Location of stockpiles.**

Stockpiles, measured from the exterior of the encapsulated location, should not be permitted within 15 feet of any boundary line of an abutting lot on which a residence is located unless there is common ownership.

**§ 213-5. Complaints.**

The Board shall refer any complaints to the Board of Health Agent. The Animal Inspector is charged with inspecting the sites of any complaints, coordinating his/her site inspection with the Board and its agents, and reporting findings and recommendations to the Board.