Agricultural and Manure Management Permits

If you are doing a farm improvement project or operate a livestock facility you may need a permit. Use the questions below to determine if your project/operation needs a permit.

DANE COUNTY LAND&WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Are you doing any of the following projects:
1. Ditch clean-outs,
2. Agricultural tile line installation or repairs,
3. Fence line tree/shrub removal,
4. Expansion projects
5. Feedpad/ Driveway paving or
6. Other earth disturbing activities?

→ **YES to at least one** →

PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED

You may need an Erosion Control or Stormwater Permit from our office. Use this **Erosion Control and Stormwater Permit Tree** to find out.

Your project might also need to be reviewed by the Dane County Farm Services Agency, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or US Army Corps of Engineers. In some cases you may need to contact your local drainage district.

Please confirm permit requirements with these agencies prior to beginning your projects.

Do you apply solid or liquid manure during frozen and/or snow covered conditions on agricultural fields in Dane County?

→ **YES** →

WINTER SPREADING PERMIT REQUIRED

Are you planning to do any of the following:
1. Construct a new manure storage facility,
2. Substantially alter an existing manure storage facility, or
3. Close an idle manure storage facility?

→ **YES to at least one** →

MANURE STORAGE PERMIT REQUIRED. **Erosion Control Permit** and **Stormwater Management Permit** may be required.

Permits are required prior to beginning construction or closure activities. Additional local or state permitting may be required so be sure to discuss your project with your local town or state officials.

Are you planning to construct a new or modify an existing:
1. Manure storage transfer system,
2. Manure or process wastewater collection system/tank,
3. Manure stacking pad
4. Composting facility,
5. Digester, or
6. Other manure management structure?

→ **YES to at least one** →

CONTACT THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER TO DISCUSS YOUR PROJECT TO DETERMINE IF A MANURE STORAGE PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

County erosion control or stormwater management permits may be required in addition to or in lieu of a manure storage permit.

Permits are required prior to construction or closure beginning. Additional local or state permitting may be required so be sure to discuss your project with your local town or state officials.

Do you currently own and/or operate an existing manure storage facility and plan to continue using the facility to manage manure and/or process wastewater generated at your farming operation? Was the facility permitted by Dane County prior to July 1, 2019?

→ **YES** →

CERTIFICATE OF USE for Manure Storage Facilities REQUIRED

Certificates of use are required to operate or use manure storage facilities constructed prior to July 1, 2019.

Do you have a manure storage facility that has not received manure or have had manure removed for at least two years?

→ **YES** →

Apply for a MANURE STORAGE PERMIT to close an idle manure storage or request an extension for closure

↓ **NO** →

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