



Winnebago County
Land & Water Conservation Department

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To All Town Officials and Employees,

It is the policy of the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) to periodically contact the Towns regarding the Winnebago County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance (LWMO) and **when a LWMO permit is required.**

Chapter 13 of the Winnebago County Administrative Code is the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance. (<https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/lwcd/lwmo>) The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure the safe handling and spreading of livestock waste as well as to regulate the location, design, construction, alteration, operation, and maintenance of all livestock facilities, livestock lots, livestock waste storage facilities or livestock waste transfer systems. Also, to regulate the abandonment of livestock waste storage facilities in order to prevent water pollution.

A Livestock Waste Management Permit from the Winnebago County LWCD **is required before** any person or their agent may construct, reconstruct, enlarge or substantially alter any livestock waste storage facility, livestock waste transfer system, livestock facility or livestock lot. **This means if anyone is going to do anything regarding the construction or reconstruction of a livestock facility, livestock lot, manure storage facility or manure transfer system, as defined in the ordinance, they need to check with the Land and Water Conservation Department to establish if a permit is needed, before receiving a building permit.**

What is considered livestock? Any animal including, but not limited to bovine animals, equine animals, goats, poultry, sheep, swine, farm-raised deer and elk, farm-raised game birds (chickens, ducks), camelids (llamas) and ratites (emu).

We ask all town officials in the County to be diligent about communicating this information to your constituents whenever possible. Failure to obtain the proper permit can subject an individual to removal of the project, double the permit fee, and a daily citation/fine from the County. Please know we do not want that to happen!

We would like to work with our Town partners to protect the resources of Winnebago County, so please contact us with any questions, concerns or requests.

Sincerely,

Chad Casper, Director
Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department