

# Water Quality Best Management Practices

*When it rains, water falls upon the surfaces of our equestrian facility and becomes stormwater runoff. There is a potential for stormwater runoff to carry pollutants from the activities that occur at SCR into rivers and streams where we fish and into the ocean where we surf and play. It is vital for our boarders to do their part in implementing the best management practices (below) into our daily activities as well as a heightened awareness before rain events.*

## Bathing Horses

1. Only wash horses at the wash rack. Don't even think of even rinsing horses on any other part of the stable grounds.
2. Use the least amount of water as possible.
3. Do not remove shut-off nozzles at the end of the hoses- this wastes water.
4. Use the least toxic soaps possible.
5. Before a rain event, the wash rack will be closed to use. If closed signs are posted, do not use the wash rack as the water will drain onto the stable grounds and eventually into the creek.
6. Ensure that horses are bathed on the concrete portion only.
7. All water must flow into the catch basin located at the wash rack.
8. Do not bathe horses on any dirt portion. No bathing water should touch the dirt portion surrounding the wash rack.
9. Immediately pick up any manure or trash and place it in the proper receptacle.

## Arenas

1. Some or all arenas may be closed based on the severity of the predicted rain event.
2. If an arena is closed, please do not enter. It has been compacted to minimize the amount of footing that will wash off.

3. Wait for SCR staff to open an arena for riding. Do not open up an arena based on your needs.

4. It would be best if you inspected the arena footing before riding to ensure that it will meet you and your horse's needs. Different horses and riding styles require different degrees of the footing to be safe.

## Stalls: Manure

1. Each stall has been provided a muck bucket for any manure/shavings you may remove. Put all manure/shavings in the bucket.

2. Do not put any on the grounds, aisles, pathways, etc. These must remain clean of manure and shavings.

3. Each day your muck bucket will be emptied when your stall is cleaned. If the amount of manure /shavings is greater than what your muck bucket can hold, you must take the excess directly to the manure pile. As an alternative, with the permission of your neighbor, you may fill their muck bucket.

4. If the manure pile is tarped, you can not take manure to the pile. All manure/shavings then must be kept in a muck bucket. If there is a problem, contact the office for assistance on disposing of it.

5. Before rain events, all muck buckets must be kept under either an aisle shelter or the stall's shelter to prevent rain from entering the muck bucket. For those stalls without aisle covers, your muck bucket must be kept under your shelter. If you feel this is a great inconvenience or safety problem, then don't put any material in the bucket when rain is predicted. Turn the bucket upside down to prevent it from filling with water. Then it is ok to leave it outside the stall covering.

6. Solid rubber stall mats are not allowed in any exposed areas of the stall. Stall mats that have been perforated with a minimum of 33% open space are permitted.

7. Shavings provide both an excellent padding of the stall as well as an absorbent of urine.

## Stalls: Waterers

1. It is the responsibility of the owner to clean the waterer as they see fit.

2. Any water collected in the cleaning process must be poured into the infiltration trench of your stall.
3. If your stall has not yet had an infiltration trench installed, check with the SCR office to determine where to dispose of the cleaning water.
4. Eventually, no water (rain or waterer cleaning) will be allowed to leave the boundaries of any stall.
5. Each stall has a water shut-off valve. In the event of a water hose or waterer breaking, shut off the water, and immediately contact SCR staff to repair.

## Annual Stall Maintenance

1. Each year between October and December, your stall will be dug out, and any manured/wet areas will be removed.
2. Clean stall footing will be added to replace the material removed as well as to return the stall to the proper drainage.
3. The cost of this work is the responsibility of the boarder and is mandatory to ensure that SCR remains in compliance with state laws.
4. If you notice that any gutter is not draining correctly, please notify the office as soon as possible.

## Grounds

1. Please put all trash in trash cans- make sure the cover is in place during rain events.
2. Any manure from your horse should be immediately collected and put either in a muck bucket or trash can.
3. Report any leaks from vehicles in the parking lot.
4. Any feed must be covered to ensure no rainfall comes in contact.
5. Do not drive on dirt roads during or immediately after a rainstorm as this creates mud and extends the drying time.