

Keeping Animals in Controlled Areas

This activity applies to outside kennels, fenced pens, and other animal management areas that do not involve livestock. It includes all types of animal maintenance practices other than keeping livestock in stables, fields, and pastures. This activity does not cover sheep, pigs, horses, cows, goats, and other hooved animals. Stormwater runoff from cage areas, pens, and yards can contain coliform bacteria, nutrients, and suspended solids. See Activity Sheet A-35 for keeping livestock in stables, pens, pastures, or fields.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The following BMPs, or equivalent measures, methods, or practices, are required if you are engaged in management of animals other than livestock:

1

If animals are kept in unpaved and uncovered areas, the ground must either have vegetative cover or some other type of ground cover such as mulch.

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If animals are not leashed or in cages, the area where animals are kept must be surrounded by a fence or other means that prevents animals from moving away from the controlled area where BMPs are used.

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Do not allow wash water to be discharged to storm drains or surface waters.

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Required Routine Maintenance:

- Sweep and clean animal keeping areas as needed to collect and dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other stray particles. Do not hose down the area to the storm drainage system.

ADDITIONAL BMPs

The following BMPs are optional, unless the above minimum required BMPs do not provide adequate source control:



Septic systems designed for kennels are commercially available and are recommended if the above BMPs are not adequate.

For more information or assistance in implementing these best management practices, contact the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Water and Land Resources Division at 206-296-1900.

Reader Note: The above requirements are the minimum required BMPs. If these BMPs fail to prevent discharges to the storm drainage system, you will be asked to take additional measures to correct the continued pollution discharges.