

Keeping Livestock in Stables, Pens, Pastures, or Fields

This activity applies to management of all types of livestock, including cows, horses, and other hooved animals. Stormwater runoff from areas where livestock are kept may contain coliform bacteria and nutrients from manure. Suspended solids may be present in runoff from areas that are eroding due to overgrazing and stream bank trampling. The King County Code 21A.30 has specific requirements for livestock management. If livestock management BMPs are implemented in accordance with the livestock management code, additional BMPs will not be necessary unless the BMPs are not adequate to protect King County surface waters.

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.