



**BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION FOR MANAGEMENT OF MANURE
AND WASTE FROM DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

AUTHORITY:

The Board of Health in the Town of Easton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, in accordance with and under the authority of Sections 31, 122, 143, and 155 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby adopt the following regulations at a meeting of the Board of Health, June 9, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The regulations shall take effect on June 16, 2003. All other regulations inconsistent with these regulations are repealed as of June 9, 2003.

PURPOSE:

The purpose for the manure and waste management regulation is to provide a method for animal owners to handle accumulated manure and other wastes in a safe and sanitary manner. The regulation shall address composting, storage, and removal of manure and other wastes related to the keeping of domestic animals.

1. All manure and waste generated from domestic animals or the keeping there of shall be stored in contained compost piles or manure storage facilities approved by the Board of Health or its duly appointed agent(s).
2. Manure and waste collected in compost piles shall be treated or covered with earth loam or other suitable material such as used bedding, wood chips, saw dust, and lime in sufficient amounts to eliminate any odor or nuisance.
3. Manure storage facilities shall, at a minimum, be constructed of concrete or other durable material, screened, well ventilated and watertight. The vent pipe shall be designed to prevent the entrance of animals, insects and precipitation.
4. Manure and waste shall be removed from animal shelters or barns based on standard farm practices for the type of animals kept so as not to create a health or nuisance problem as deemed by the Board of Health or its duly appointed agent(s).

5. Manure and waste shall be removed from paddocks and open fields based on standard farm practices, the size of the grounds, type of animals kept and weather. In warmer weather between the months May 1st to September 30th, manure and waste shall be removed more frequently to avoid large accumulations and to avoid health or nuisance problem(s) as deemed by the Board of Health or its duly appointed agent(s).
6. Compost piles and manure storage facilities shall be located in location(s) accessible year round for general maintenance, cleaning, turning over and removing.
7. Compost piles and manure storage facilities shall be located a minimum of one hundred feet (100') from all potable well water sources.
8. The property owner, its agent, tenant or any other entity that has control of the manure and waste operation shall not allow drainage from the stockpiled manure and/or waste to flow over or onto abutting property, the public way(s), watercourses or wetlands.
9. Inspections may be performed at any reasonable time by the Board of Health or its duly appointed agent(s), without prior notification.

PENALTIES:

The Easton Board of Health is authorized by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, section 31, to impose a fine up to a maximum of \$1000 for violation of any reasonable health regulation. Each day of a continuing violation shall be considered a separate violation.

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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