Manure



Best practice management of manure is important and should be managed depending on the nature of how your horses are kept and managed on your property. This will be dependent on the size of your property, how many horses are kept on your property, how intensively they are managed and how long horses are kept in paddocks versus stabling.

Within stables and yards, manure should be picked up daily to ensure clean stables and best hygiene practices. This helps to extend the life of the bedding and surface of the yards and is more comfortable for the horse.

Small amounts can be put back into the paddocks to help put carbon into the soil and to build a healthy top soil in area where the soil does not have any pasture coverage. The most common areas that get worn out due to concentrated use include gateways, areas where horses regularly roll, walkways, and along tracks along fences created by horses fence walking.

Larger amounts of manure needs to be collected, stored in a fly proof receptacle at least 15 m away from the house and emptied at least once a week. Manure can be composted in receptacle and re-used on the property, or can be removed offsite.

Also be aware that horse manure can create odour and fly problems if it is not managed properly.

