

*City of Marion*

# Horse Keeping Guidelines

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**The City of Marion recognises the long-standing contribution of horse keeping to the community, particularly Morphettville Racecourse and surrounding training facilities. However, horse keeping near residential areas can create issues such as manure spillage, odours, and stormwater contamination.**

**These guidelines set out Council's requirements to support compliance with public health, safety, and environmental laws, and to minimise the risk of enforcement action and fines.**

The City of Marion recognises that leaving manure bags for public collection is a long-standing and valued practice among horse trainers and gardeners across Adelaide.

However, manure bags may be considered litter if these guidelines are not followed (e.g. poorly stacked, unsealed, or left out too long).

Council supports placing manure bags for free public collection, subject to the following conditions:



## Manure bags for public collection

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1. Placement of manure bags on private property is preferred, provided the public can safely collect them.
2. If bags are required to be placed on council land, they must not create hazards.
3. When placed on a paved footpath, bags must be against the property boundary (e.g. fence) and not block pedestrian or wheelchair access.
4. Do not place bags on landscaped council verges.
5. Bags must be 30L or smaller, not overfilled, and fully sealed to prevent spills and odour.
6. Do not stack bags.
7. Place bags in a single file.
8. Stable operators must regularly check bags and remove any that don't meet these guidelines.
9. Extra waste removal may be needed during quieter months (winter), such as using a waste contractor.
10. Consider other disposal options, such as commercial waste collection, transport to a licensed facility, or on-site composting.

## Bag filling and placement examples



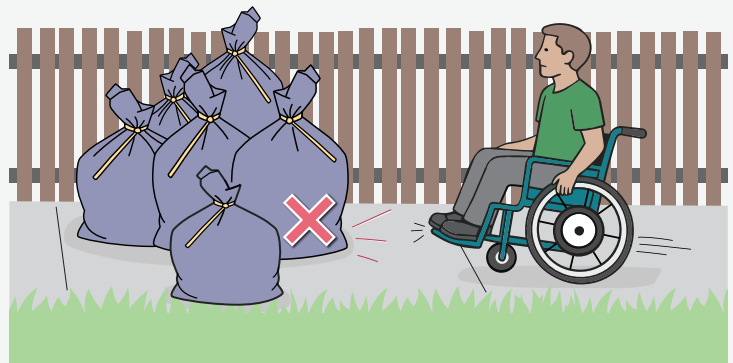
✓ Correctly filled bag



Correctly placed bags



✗ Incorrectly filled bag



Incorrectly placed bags

Manure bags not left in accordance with these Guidelines may face enforcement action as littering under the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*. Enforcement action may be taken in line with council's enforcement policy, including expiations.

# Horse stables within the City of Marion should:

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## Be kept in sanitary conditions at all times

- Clean, tidy and free from unsightly objects (visible from the street).
- Cleaned a minimum of twice daily or as necessary.
- Swept and hosed regularly to minimise odour and ensure feed, hay or manure is not walked from the stables into the surrounds.
- Buildings should be regularly maintained to ensure stormwater and wastewater disposal systems are sufficient.
- Constructed to prevent the intrusion and pooling of water or other liquids.



## Ensure appropriate disposal of stormwater and wastewater, and prevent contaminants entering any water course

- Appropriate wastewater disposal systems should be installed to capture water contaminated with manure, horse feed, fodder etc.
- Wastewater should not discharge to any watercourse, pond on site, or enter the storm water system.
- Any horse manure or waste that enters the council roadway or footpath reserve, (including during travel between the racecourse and stables), must be immediately cleaned to prevent manure entering stormwater drains.



## Adopt appropriate measures to ensure that odours, noise and dust do not cause offence to neighbouring properties

- Odour minimisation - store manure correctly (refer below).
- Noise minimisation - take care when loading and unloading horses.
- Dust minimisation - consider ground-cover materials that will control dust and mud.



## Adopt appropriate measures to control vermin and flies

- All hard feed must be stored in tightly sealed containers, spillages must be swept up promptly and feed storage areas kept in a sanitary manner.
- Fly control measures to be undertaken as necessary (examples include the use of fly baits and regular disposal of dead flies).
- Pest control operators contracted to implement ongoing pest management programs.



## Effectively control the storage and disposal of manure

- Manure storage containers should be provided where horses are stabled and should have impervious bases and walls.
- Manure storage containers should also be sealed with impervious lids (that prevents water, liquids and vermin from entering/exiting the storage container).
- A common example of a manure storage container is an industrial waste bin. Such bins must not be stored on the road or footpath.
- Manure is to be removed from the property at least weekly via waste collection and taken to a licensed facility, re-used for compost on site, or made available for public collection.



Our staff are available to meet with individual stable operators to discuss how these Guidelines affect their site.

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