



Constructed barnyard.



Manure storage pit after construction.



Concrete being poured into a constructed manure storage pit.

### **Time Allowance for Corrections to a Facility:**

If you have an idle, malfunctioning, or mismanaged waste storage facility, and are required by the County to make corrections, the Wood County Ordinance is flexible as far as the time allowed to complete the corrections. A storage facility found to be malfunctioning shall be repaired to a condition meeting the current Technical Standards of Wood County LCWD within a time frame established by the CEED Committee, not to exceed two years of the date that the storage facility is found to be malfunctioning.

### **Emergency Repairs to a Facility:**

Emergency repairs should be immediately as possible and do not need an animal waste storage facility permit. If repairs significantly alter the design and construction of the facility, a report must be made to the LWCD within one working day of the incident. To determine if another permit will be required. The LWCD will respond within two working days.

### **Obtaining a Permit**

If you are interested in obtaining a permit and constructing an animal waste storage facility, please contact the Land and Water Conservation Department of Wood County.

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# **ANIMAL WASTE AND MANURE STORAGE FACILITIES IN WOOD COUNTY**

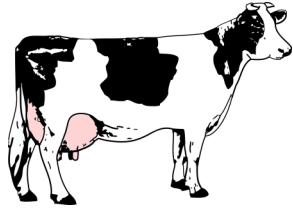


**If you have any questions or concerns  
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## About Wood County's Animal Waste Ordinance:

The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate the location, design, construction, installation, alteration, closure, and use of animal waste and manure storage facilities and the application of waste and manure from all storage facilities in order to protect residents, ground water, and cattle. This ordinance applies to all areas of Wood County and any person who removes, closes, locates, constructs, installs, moves, reconstructs, extends, enlarges, converts, or substantially alters or changes the use of an animal waste storage facility or parts thereof, or who employs another person to do the same, on land subject to this ordinance. The ordinance does not apply to existing animal waste storage facilities unless the storage facility is reconstructed, enlarged, or altered in some way. This ordinance does not require landowners to build waste storage facilities on their farms.



## What is a Waste Storage Facility?

A waste storage facility is defined as a waste impoundment made by constructing an embankment and/or excavating a pit or dugout, or by fabricating a structure specifically designed for the purpose of storage or holding of animal waste and manure.

## What is Animal Waste and Manure:

Animal waste and manure is defined as agricultural related industrial by-products including paunch manure. The fecal waste and excreta from domestic livestock, poultry or other animals kept for agricultural purposes. For the purpose of this ordinance, substances found in the manure [for example, bedding materials (straw, wood shaving, etc.), water from precipitation, milkhouse water, etc.] will be considered a part of the animal manure.

## What is an Idle Waste Storage Facility?

An idle waste storage facility is one which:

1. The livestock operation on the property ceases to exist, or
2. Is no longer being used for its intended purpose and no longer having any additional animal waste and manure placed into it, or
3. Has not had any animal waste and manure placed into it for a period of one year, or
4. Will by all the evidence available, not again be used to store animal waste and manure by an active livestock operation.



## What is a Mismanaged Waste Storage Facility?

A mismanaged storage facility is an animal waste and manure storage facility which is not functioning properly due to the neglect or carelessness of the owner or operator, and poses a potential threat to any person or the environment. A mismanaged storage facility includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. A storage facility that is overflowing or is being operated improperly and is inconsistent with the recommended operating methods.
2. A storage facility in which the safety devices are absent or are nonfunctional.
3. A storage facility that fails to comply with the operation's and maintenance plan.

## What is a Malfunctioning Waste Storage Facility?

A malfunctioning storage facility is an animal waste and manure storage facility which is no longer functioning as originally intended and poses a potential threat to any person, the groundwater, any stream, lake, or river, or any other component of the environment. A malfunctioning storage facility includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. A storage facility in which the sidewall(s) or side-slope(s) have been damaged or eroded, which may weaken the structure of the facility.
2. A storage facility in which there has been damage, erosion, or deformities that may contribute to environmental or safety hazards.
3. A storage facility in which the waste and manure is significantly leaking.
4. A storage facility in which any other serious deformity or activity that is not consistent with the design and function of a storage facility.



## What is a Closed Waste Storage Facility?

A waste and manure storage facility for which:

1. The CEED Committee does not grant an extension of the "Idle Storage Facility" declaration, or
2. The livestock operation on the property ceases to exist and the owner applies for a closure permit.

Each application for a closure permit shall include a closure plan. The plan shall be in accordance with the current Technical Standard 360.