



## CHECKLIST 7E

# HOBBY FARM MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

**Use the following questions to help guide your hobby farm's good housekeeping, operations and maintenance, safety, and emergency preparedness step:**

1. Do you conduct pest management on your hobby farm?

YES  NO

If NO, see Fact Sheet 7.1. If YES, do you:

incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) into your pest control strategy?

2. Do you use pesticides or herbicides on your hobby farm?

YES  NO

If YES, do you:

read the product labels(s) to determine the appropriate application rate(s)?

contact your local Conservation Commission before applying pesticides within 100 feet of a wetland or surface water or within 200 feet of perennial rivers and streams?

store material in a dry, secure location? (see Fact Sheet 7-4 for tips on storage and emergency preparedness)?

follow disposal practices as directed on the product label?

3. Do you practice safe fueling and regular maintenance schedules for hobby farm equipment and tools?

YES  NO

If a petroleum spill of over 10 gallons occurs, or if any spill reaches a water body, catch basin or storm drain, call the fire department (911) and then call the MassDEP 24-hour spill hotline (1-888-304-1133).

4. Do you have a spill kit to quickly address small spills of hazardous materials?

YES  NO

If NO, see Fact Sheet 7.13 for Emergency Spill Kit Supply Checklist.

5. Do you know where you can dispose of hazardous household chemicals?

YES  NO

If NO, visit MassDEP's Hazardous Household Products webpage:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/hazardous/hazardous-household-products-handling-and-management.html>. If YES, list location:

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6. Are all solid waste management areas:

Located on flat paved surfaces, away from storm drains and water resources?

Enclosed or in areas away from stormwater flow patterns?

YES  NO

If NO, list problem locations and steps that can be taken to address these areas:

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7. Does your municipality have specific regulations related to control of dust, odor, and noise?

YES  NO

If YES, list problem locations and steps that can be taken to address these areas:

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8. Does your hobby farm layout take precautions to minimize and avoid conflicts with neighbors?

YES  NO

If YES, check applicable selections:

- proper fencing installed to prevent animals from entering neighboring properties
- vegetated buffer or windbreak installed to minimize migration dust, odors, and noise
- compost and manure storage areas located downwind as far as possible from neighboring houses and yards.
- proper steps have been taken for control of rodents and other pests (see Fact Sheet 7-11).

9. Have you taken appropriate steps to ensure food safety (if applicable)?

YES  NO

If YES, check applicable selections:

- prevent pets and farm animals from entering garden or crop growing areas.
- locate crops away from manure, compost bins, solid waste, hazardous materials storage, etc.