



SECTION SEVEN

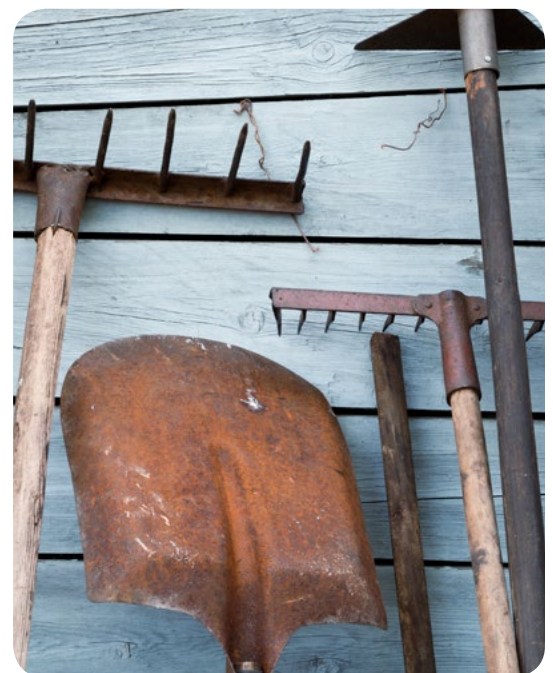
HOBBY FARM MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

The operation, organization, maintenance and management of every hobby farm varies based on its size and primary farming activities. The responsibilities that go into tending a small vegetable garden will often differ from those that have multiple farm animals, pastures and a larger field of crops.

Previous sections have provided an overview of many of the main activities a hobby farmer may be involved with based on the type of hobby farm. However, with this comes a number of important good housekeeping, operations and maintenance, and safety measures that should be in place to help ensure a safe and healthy hobby farm environment for everyone.

MAINTAINING AN ORGANIZED AND HAZARD FREE HOBBY FARM WITH PROPER EMERGENCY PLANNING CAN HELP AVOID SMALL PROBLEMS THAT CAN GROW INTO VERY LARGE HEADACHES AND EVEN LEAD TO UNSAFE SITUATIONS.

This section focuses on good management practices such as pest management and neighbor relations; overall farm safety measures like hazardous material use and storage; equipment maintenance; and emergency planning. The fact sheets provided in Section 7 also have a connection to water quality protection.





By planning ahead and following the 'avoid, minimize, mitigate' concepts woven throughout this section, you should be able to help protect nearby wetlands and water resources by:

- minimizing your use of potentially hazardous materials
- choosing products knowing that you have the knowledge to make a well informed choice
- using and maintaining equipment and storage areas to avoid hazardous spills
- knowing that time spent preparing for an emergency can help protect you, your hobby farm and nearby water resources

Section 7 contains the following:

- FACT SHEET 7-1 Integrated Pest Management
- FACT SHEET 7-2 Pesticide Use and Water Quality
- FACT SHEET 7-3 Pesticide Label Reading
- FACT SHEET 7-4 Pesticide Storage and Disposal
- FACT SHEET 7-5 Equipment Safety and Maintenance Basics
- FACT SHEET 7-6 Reading Hazardous Material Labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- FACT SHEET 7-7 Hazardous Material Use, Storage and Disposal
- FACT SHEET 7-8 Solid Waste Management
- FACT SHEET 7-9 Neighbor Relations: Communication
- FACT SHEET 7-10 Neighbor Relations: Odor, Dust and Noise Control
- FACT SHEET 7-11 Neighbor Relations: Fly, Mosquito and Rodent Control
- FACT SHEET 7-12 Food Safety
- FACT SHEET 7-13 Emergency Management Planning
- CHECKLIST 7A Hobby Farm Emergency Contact Form
- CHECKLIST 7B Emergency Response Procedures
- CHECKLIST 7C Hobby Farm Inventory
- CHECKLIST 7D Emergency Supplies Form
- CHECKLIST 7E Hobby Farm Management and Safety