

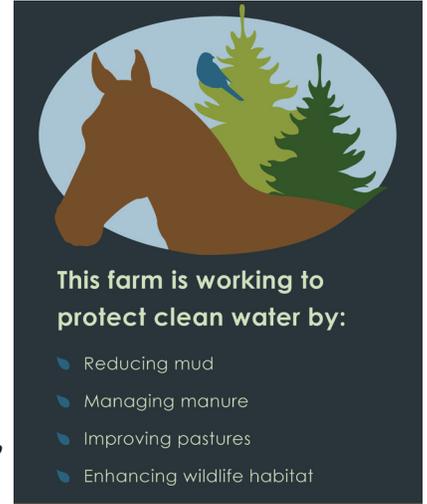
# Sound Horsekeeping Sign Program



If you are managing manure, soil, and pastures in a way that protects horse health and the environment, you're probably eligible to earn a Whatcom Farmers for Clean Water Sound Horsekeeping sign!

Whether you are new to working with us or already have a farm plan for your equine farm or facility drop by, give us a call or send us an email to review your eligibility.

To apply for your recognition sign, please review the Checklist below:



1. Check the practices currently installed on your property.
2. Circle the practices you would like to or plan on installing.
3. Contact us and provide this form at your initial site visit.

## Reducing Mud

- Gutters and downspouts directing roof water away from confinement areas.
- Confinement area for winter use.
- Improved footing material in paddocks.
- Fence excluding animals from creeks, wetlands or other surface water
- Vegetated buffer strip adjacent to confinement area.
- Other:

## Managing Manure

- Cover manure pile with tarp or roof.
- Pick manure from stalls and paddocks every 1 to 3 days.
- Implement manure disposal or use program.
- Build manure composting bins/storage area.
- Other:

## Improving pastures

- Keep horses off pasture during the winter months.
- Remove horses from pastures when grass has been grazed down to three inches. Allow grass to re-grow to six to eight inches before grazing again.
- Spread manure or compost during growing season to fertilize fields.
- Other:

## Enhancing Wildlife Habitat

- Plant a hedgerow of native plants.
- Use goldfish in water troughs for mosquito control.
- Install bird or bat boxes.
- Other:

## Protecting Wells and Septic Systems

- Keep horses off septic system and drain field.
- Keep horses, livestock and manure storage areas at least 100ft from wellheads.



Call (360) 526-2381 to schedule a site visit and review your eligibility.