

A-34 Keeping Animals in Controlled Areas

This activity applies to kennels and catteries, fenced pens and exercise areas that do not involve livestock. For livestock BMPs see Activity Sheet A-35.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required by King County Code 9.12. If the BMPs included here are not enough to prevent contamination of stormwater, you will be required to take additional measures.

Required BMPs:

- Make sure there is vegetative cover or some other type of ground cover such as mulch if animals are kept in unpaved and uncovered areas in order to prevent erosion.
- Install covered waste receptacles and provide waste collection service at designated dog exercise areas.

Required Routine Maintenance:

- Sweep and clean areas where animals are kept, and collect and dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other stray particles.
- Regularly remove droppings in designated dog exercise areas.
- When washing down kennels and paved areas either collect and dispose of the water to the sewer system or infiltrate into grass or gravel. Do not hose down the area to the storm drainage system.

Supplemental BMPs:

- Specially designed septic systems for kennels are commercially available and are recommended if the above BMPs are not adequate.

For more information or assistance contact the King County Stormwater Services at 206-477-4811 and visit kingcounty.gov/stormwater.