

Our Mission:

To protect our community's land and environment because the economic strength and vitality of our community is dependent on the quality of our resources.

Through leadership, accountability, community engagement and collaborative partnerships we promote thoughtful and deliberate use of resources and innovative solutions to ensure Marathon County has healthy people, a healthy economy and a healthy environment today and tomorrow.



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Marathon County Animal Waste Storage and Nutrient Management Code

**What a landowner
needs to know!**



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Activities Regulated by the Animal Waste Storage and Nutrient Management Code (AWO)

What is the Purpose of the AWO?

The purpose of the AWO is so that the Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) Department can monitor the siting, construction, installation, management, and closure of animal waste storage facilities or waste transfer systems, and the application of animal waste, to protect human health and safety and prevent the degradation of surface water and groundwater resources.

An AWO permit is required PRIOR to:

- ◆ Constructing,
- ◆ Closing, or
- ◆ Substantially Altering a waste storage facility or a waste transfer system.



Concrete Storage Facility

How do I obtain a permit?

To get a permit from the CPZ Department you must obtain the services of an agricultural or civil engineer registered with the State of Wisconsin or a DATCP or NRCS engineering practitioner to provide plans, specifications and documentation of the following:

- * Management assessment
- * Site assessment
- * Safety design
- * Operation and maintenance plan
- * Construction plan, schedules and staging
- * Construction inspection plan
- * Final construction plan showing changes and certifying it meets NRCS Standards
- * Nutrient management plan-done by an agronomist or other qualified person

Other Activities Subject to the Code?

- **Failing and Leaking Facilities** - shall be brought up to and maintained in a sanitary condition within a timeframe identified by the CPZ Department not to exceed 2 years.
- **Idle Facilities** - whether constructed under permit or not, must be properly closed unless certain conditions are met. Cost sharing is available.
- **Direct Runoff of Animal Waste** - from facilities or over-application shall be cleaned up in a timeframe determined by the CPZ Department.
- **Safety Devices** -such as fences, are required and shall be maintained and functional.



When is a Nutrient Management Plan Required?

Any landowner who has a permitted manure storage facility, constructed after 1984, or any landowner that receives an official offer of cost share funding to do nutrient management planning.

What is a Nutrient Management Plan?

A nutrient management plan is a document that is updated annually outlining the requirements for managing the amount, form, placement, and timing of applications of all sources of plant nutrients to cropland and pastures.

Who can prepare a Nutrient Management Plan?

A landowner who has taken an approved training course or a professional agronomist or soil scientist with certifications identified by DATCP.