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Eco-Tip of the Week: No More Horsing Around With Waste

As our weather warms, fly activity and breeding can increase, and one local source of problems is improperly managed horse manure. Recent rains can also cause problems with manure piles, as run-off flows from improperly managed piles to contaminate waterways, according to Ventura County Environmental Health Division Solid Waste inspector Marc Benchimol. He suggests these problems can be minimized when horse owners implement simple strategies, such as proper composting, timely waste collection and controlling run-off.

To help horse and livestock owners and operators comply with regulations and avoid creating nuisances, the Ventura County Resource Conservation District offers free services. These include property visits, site-specific plans, and cost-share opportunities for implementation of best management practices. For more information please contact Lexi Everhart at (805) 764-5135 or by email lexieverhart.vcrd@gmail.com .

Also, the Horse and Livestock Watershed Alliance (HLWA) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, in Kent Hall, at the Help of Ojai, 111 W Santa Ana St, Ojai, CA, 93023 from 5:30-7:30pm. The agenda will cover local water quality issues, anticipated regulations, best practices, and VCRCD's services.

On the net:

<http://vchlwa.org/attachments/Ventura%20County%20Manure%20Management%20Plan.pdf>

www.cleanwatershed.org