

Am I allowed to have horses on my property and if so, what do I need to do and know?

*If your intent is to have horses as pets, they are permitted as a by right accessory use in all districts**. The size of your property determines the number of horses you may have. The minimum lot size is two (2) acres, which is required for one (1) horse, then four (4) acres for 2 horses, followed by an additional ½-acre per horse thereafter. (i.e.: 4 ½ acres for 3 horses, 5 acres for 4 horses, and so on).*

***You are also required by PA State law to obtain a manure management plan to have horses.*

A Zoning permit is not required to own horses, however, you are required to have the horses confined to the property of the owner of the horses (Z.O. Section 119-41.D(11)[b]).

****Steps for obtaining and applying for a manure management plan:**

1. You can obtain manure management information, requirements and applications from the Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD).

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IF YOU RESIDE IN A SUBDIVISION, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OR DEED RESTRICTIONS TO SEE IF THESE TYPES OF PETS ARE ALLOWED. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ENFORCE SUBDIVISION BY-LAWS OR DEED RESTRICTIONS