



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines

MILKHOUSE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

GRANT RATE: 50% to a maximum of \$5,000

Projects as a result of proposed livestock expansion or expansion within the past 5 years are not eligible.

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects adjacent to watercourses (including municipal drains) or in a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) A or B (visit www.yourdrinkingwater.ca for WHPA locations) will be given priority for funding.
- Eligible options for disposal or treatment of milkhouse wastewater :
 - Directing wastewater to a new or existing manure or runoff storage
 - Sediment tank and treatment trench (first rinse cycle removed)
 - Vegetated Filter Strip System
 - Engineered Wetland
- Other eligible items:
 - Permanent transfer piping and sumps
 - Water meters
 - Low water use sinks or retrofits
 - Electrical connections
- Applicants with approved projects will be required to submit copies of required permits and approvals (e.g. Building Permit, Record of Approval, etc.) for their project. Additional information on regulatory requirements is available at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/nm/nasm/milkingwash.htm>.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.**

Please note regulatory requirements vary depending on the treatment/disposal method selected; information on the above options is available at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/facts/11-039.htm>.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Permits
- Materials
- Contract labour
- Engineering services
- Soil tests (if necessary for site investigation)

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Milkhouse and/or parlour structure
- Portable sump pump
- Taxes

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Limited funds are available.

Approved applicants will have approximately 12 months from the approval date to complete their projects. Approved projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of **all** invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs.

Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process.

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