

Reusable Bedding? Yes!

Learn how to

◀ turn this into this

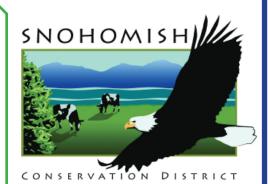




Demonstrations Today! Between 12:30 PM

and 3:00 PM

Behind the Ag Sciences building - Stanwood HS





Works well with shavings, sawdust, and wood pellets!





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Snohomish Conservation
District Compost Specialist
will be on-hand to answer
your questions about
this new program and
how you can participate!

In April 2011, Snohomish Conservation District received a 2-year grant from the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) to study the benefits of using compost as horse stall bedding in place of conventional wood shavings or pellets.

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As part of this project, the District is working with several stables in Snohomish County to set-up <u>aerated micro-bins</u> to compost horse stall waste and manure.

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With proper management, the compost reaches temperatures greater than 131°F. This will kill any pathogens, weed seeds and parasites present in the manure.

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The bedding can then be reused in horse stalls, and the manure is ideal for gardens, landscaping, or pastures. The recycled bedding would also work well for other types of livestock such as goats, alpacas, chickens, and cows.

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The recovery rate of re-usable bedding is between 50 and 80 percent, depending on the type and volume of the original bedding used.