

## AGRICULTURAL WASTE SYSTEM WARNING SIGNS

It is the RESPONSIBILITY of the CONTRACTOR/INSTALLER to provide warning signs as shown below or equal. One shall be located at each entrance/access point where access can result in a fatality due to manure gases and/or drowning. Several signs are specified for larger facilities. Three types of signs are required to cover different hazards.



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Place one sign at each entrance/access point to a below-ground manure storage pit, covered ground-level storage, a covered above-ground storage, and all manure hoppers and reception pits.

Example locations: Collection hoppers, agitation point for slatted pits, septic tanks that hold milking center and manure wastes and any other confined space where waste is collected.



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Place one sign at each entrance/access point of a manure storage pond, in-ground uncovered storage structure OR on each accessible side of a storage pond.

Example Locations: Open storage tanks, earthen storage ponds, and HDPE lined ponds.



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Place one sign at each entrance/access and each agitation point of an uncovered manure storage pond, an uncovered above-ground manure storage structure, an uncovered below-ground manure storage structure, and all reception pits. Also place one where visitors or children might congregate.

Example locations: All agitation/pump out locations of above and below ground storages. Any areas where visitors or children might tend to congregate such as at the end of the access road near the manure storage.

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**IMPORTANT!** A warning sign is designed to serve as a reminder of a hazard and its consequence(s) – it does not replace or substitute for original product warnings or labels, other safety literature, or specific safety training. Consult product owner's manuals that were supplied with the equipment, with product manufacturers and distributors for specific questions, and with county extension offices for production agriculture safety information. Also review all safety and operation and maintenance plans involved.

### Sources:

- Local Conservation District
- Local Extension Service
- Self Made Equal
- U.S. Municipal Supply, Inc. 1-800-222-1980
- Local Sign Making Company