

● Farm Pond Soakage System

Maintenance Checks

Train all staff

Train staff in effluent management, and make them aware of all consent conditions.

Herd size

If herd size increases make necessary alteration to treatment system, and advise Environment Bay of Plenty staff.

Feed pads and loafing pads

Ensure effluent is contained and not discharged to drains or streams. Obtain advice from Environment Bay of Plenty staff before connecting to ponds.

Roof water

Roof water should be diverted by guttering away from the yard and pond system

Ponds

Check pond system to prevent overflows.

Daily Checks

Clean yard stormwater

This can be diverted by diversion drain to avoid unnecessarily overloading the pond system. Must be clean water being diverted i.e. yard must be cleaned prior to diversion.

Weekly Checks

Ponds

Pump to irrigation if the pond level is within 300 mm from top (may need to call a contractor).

Monthly Checks

Check weed growth around pond banks and spray if necessary to keep pond clear of weeds.

Yearly Checks

Desludge

Desludge ponds as necessary to prevent overflow to drain or streams.

These maintenance checks are **general advice only**. The farm owner and staff should read the consent conditions specifically relating to this farm for further detail.

Failure to comply with consent requirements can result in a \$750 fine, or possible prosecution.

If you are in any doubt about Environment Bay of Plenty requirements call a compliance officer on 0800 ENV BOP (368 267) for advice.