

Trackout | Tips for Farms and Nurseries



What is Trackout?

Trackout is bulk materials, such as dirt, mud, feed, grain, fertilizer, cotton, or trash, that adhere to vehicles, tires or equipment and that have fallen onto or been deposited on a paved area (such as a road or parking lot) that is accessible to the public.

After trackout is deposited on a paved area, vehicles driving over the trackout can create dust emissions, which can cause potential health programs. Too much dust in the air impacts all of us, but sensitive groups, such as children, the elderly and people with pre-existing heart or lung disease are most affected.



Do I Need a Permit?

No

Air quality permits are not required for the production of crops or nursery plants in Maricopa County.

Air quality permits may be required for other equipment and activities, such as open burning, orchard heaters, generators, gasoline storage tanks, construction and demolition.

Helpful Hints

- Read the substantive policy statement for trackout from normal farm cultural practices.
» maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38286
- Create a trackout control plan (like the one on the back of this sheet) to identify ways to prevent and clean trackout.
- Designate an on-site individual to check for trackout and respond when trackout occurs.
- Make sure trackout is not causing visible dust emissions and that all trackout is cleaned by the end of the workday.
- Ensure that vehicles are exiting at designated locations.
- Consider using a rumble grate or a gravel pad to remove dirt and mud from vehicles before they exit onto paved roads.

What do I Need to do?

- If wind or vehicles driving over the trackout are causing visible dust emissions, start cleaning the trackout.
- If no dust emissions are visible, start cleaning trackout from farms and nurseries within four hours after the trackout is deposited.
- Clean all trackout from paved areas accessible to the public by the end of the work day.



Questions?

Contact the Maricopa County
Air Quality Department
Business Assistance Office

602.506.5102 | Maricopa.gov/AQ

Trackout Control Plan

For Facilities Where Normal Farm Cultural Practices Occur



BUSINESS NAME _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OR LOCATION OF THE FACILITY _____

CITY _____

ZIP CODE _____

IMPLEMENTATION

Designate an individual to implement the trackout control plan.

Name: _____

- Designate an individual to implement the trackout control plan.
- Clean trackout from paved areas within 4 hours (or when emissions are visible)
- Ensure vehicles are exiting at designated locations
- Sign up for Rapid Response Notifications (if your operation is located near an air quality monitor) » maricopa.gov/1628
- Sign up to receive text or email notifications when a High Pollution Advisory or Health Watch is issued » bit.ly/CleanAirMakeMoreAlerts

EXIT LOCATIONS

Identify travel routes and locations where vehicles will exit onto paved roads:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TRACKOUT CONTROL DEVICES

Consider using a rumble grate or a gravel pad to remove dirt and mud from vehicles before they exit onto paved roads (see pictures on the front of this sheet).

MANUAL CLEANING

Identify paved areas that can be cleaned by manual sweeping (S) or by washing with water (W):

1. _____ S W
2. _____ S W
3. _____ S W
4. _____ S W
5. _____ S W

Water should never be used to wash trackout into a storm drain.

SAFETY

List equipment or procedures that are necessary for worker safety when manually cleaning trackout:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

STREET SWEEPING

Identify a street sweeper to be contacted if trackout cannot be cleaned by manual sweeping or with a water truck:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Keep this trackout control plan on-site so that the designated individual can refer to it frequently.