

STANDARDS FOR THE MCVA MEMBERS

In order to present an **Association Standard of uniform dependable quality new membership** in the MCVA **will be limited** to those who:

- 1) pass an inspection
- 2) fulfill the MCVA mandate (promote rural lifestyles)
- 3) are rural residents

All members must:

- 1) pass a quality inspection
- 2) submit proof of adequate insurance annually
- 3) submit proof of water purity annually
- 4) maintain standards

Inspection will apply under these categories:

- 1) Attractions
- 2) Day-School Tours
- 3) Campsites
- 4) Home-stay
- 5) Outfitters

Inspection will cover:

General Suitability: quality of facilities, attractiveness, spaciousness, comfort, etc.

Cleanliness: indoors and outdoors - as is expected in any public establishment

Food: quality and preparation - see also MFVA Environment-Health Operation Guide

Hospitality: spirit of generosity, courtesy, concern and ability to share lifestyle

Safety: Horse-related businesses - see MCVA requirements

Day – school tours and attractions - see MCVA requirements

Home-stay – indoors/outdoors as listed in MCVA inspection and /or insurance

Waste/Sewage*: Sanitary collection and contained storage away from traffic areas

Adequate covered containers for public use

Sanitary toilets with hand-washing facilities

* see Man. Regulation 95-88R and/or local RM regulations

To maintain standards all recommendations for improvement must be carried out within a specified time frame.

Rating categories:

Basic	Standard	Special	Deluxe
50–60 %	61–75%	76–90%	91–100%

DAY TOURS, SCHOOL TOURS and ATTRACTIONS

Emphasis on: *Safety *Cleanliness *Neatness *Organization *Condition of Animals

REQUIRED

- designated parking area
- adequate toilet, toilet tissue & proper toilet-tissue dispenser
- hand-washing facilities with running water from a source that is regularly (at least annually) tested for bacteria
- antibacterial soap and paper towels with proper dispensers
- accessible drinking water with paper cups dispensed in a hygienic manner
- waste containers
- clean secure tables & seating
- controlled house pets
- play area equipment in good repair
- all animals in good health (ill – isolated)
- barns, sheds & stables clean and in good repair
- pens roomy, clean and well-drained
- fenced barnyard that is clean and well drained
- adequate insect control
- tools and machinery stored in off limit areas marked & fenced
- covered garbage containers
- sewage and garbage as per municipal regulations
- rain shelter (where applicable)
- fences and walkways in good repair

OPTIONAL

- covered eating area
- plastic table covers
- concrete, cinder, gravel or wood chip walks

ACTIVITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, TRANSPORTATION, OR FOOD SERVICES, **MUST MEET ALL MCVA SAFETY AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

HOMESTAY

Emphasis on: * Safety * Cleanliness * Comfort * Food * Ambience

REQUIRED

Outdoors

- * designated, lit parking area
- * well-lit walkways, porches, doors
- * handrails
- * even, non-slip walkways
- * designated off-limit areas
- * clean, tidy house & yard
- * gentle house & yard pets
- * safe play equipment & lawn furniture

Indoors

- * lighted stairways & halls
- * handrails, night-lights
- * smoke alarms & fire extinguisher(s)
- * clear access to exits
- * non-poisonous plants only
- * secure scatter mats and carpets
- * screened doors & windows
- * window supports (where applicable)
- * bug free atmosphere
- * Government approved crib only

Bedrooms (60 sq.ft. plus 40 sq.ft. per person desirable)

- * mattress cover pad
- * adequate clean bedding
- * covered lighting
- * mirror
- * waste basket
- * chair
- * closet or armoire
- * door lock
- * dresser
- * screened window (gov't regulation)
- * drapes, curtains or blinds
- * electrical outlet

SUGGESTED (OPTIONAL)

- * designated play area & games
- * lawn furniture

- * daily paper, magazines, books, ice, ice water available
- * use of TV, VCR (supervised)
- * games
- * musical instruments
- * air conditioning

- * decorative items
- * extra blankets & pillows
- * alarm clock
- * pillow protectors
- * tissues, plastic or paper cups
- * radio, TV
- * luggage bench & extra chair
- * writing table & desk
- * room air conditioner
- * towel rack
- * suitable books & magazines

HOMESTAY(CONT'D)

REQUIRED

Bathrooms (Note: shared bathrooms are rated 1-3, private rated 1-4)

- * cleaned daily
- * safe shower & tub, curtained
- * non-slip surface or mat
- * shelf, vanity & mirror
- * vent fan or window
- * waste basket
- * door lock
- * electrical outlet (razor, blow dryer)
- * adequate toilet paper & soap

SUGGESTED (OPTIONAL)

- * disposable towels & cups
- * individual soaps & soap dish
- * tissues
- * extra toilet paper
- * clothes hook
- * chair & stool seat
- * extra towel rack

FOOD SERVICES

(see MCVA Environmental Health Operational Guideline)

General Food & Kitchen requirements

- * adequate space, storage, refrigeration
- * maximum cleanliness food prep area
- * maximum cleanliness equipment and appliances
- * clean un-chipped dishes, clean linens
- * 2 part sink or dish washer
- * chlorination of hand washed dishes, etc.
- * sanitary kitchen garbage disposal
- * bug and insect free food service areas

Food Preparation

- * clean covered storage
- * adequate fridge area
- * clean working area & bug free
- * personal cleanliness

- * extra coolers & ice packs

Food Quality

- * fresh , homegrown, wholesome
- * variety & balance servings

- * special diets
- * vegetarian meals on request

Food Service

- * adequate portions, seconds
- * covered table (mats) & napkins
- * attractive table settings
- * personal cleanliness

- * separate table
- * linen napkins & cloth
- * flowers, ice water, dessert forks, spoons

CAMPSITES & SEPARATE ACCOMMODATION

REQUIRED

Campsites

- * clean & spacious sites
- * adequate parking area
- * clean & ventilated toilets & screened
- * extra toilet paper
- * toilet seat with lid
- * adequate shade and grassed area
- * potable water supply
- * covered trash can (garbage can)
- * safe fire pit with cut wood

SUGGESTED (OPTIONAL)

- * safe electrical outlets
- * sand bucket
- * water line connections
- * area lighting
- * play area
- * lawn chairs & table(s)
- * campfire grill
- * hot dog sticks
- * shower, bath, laundry facilities

Separate Accommodations: Cabins, bunkhouses etc..

As above including:

- * legal heating equipment
- * basic furnishings
- * screened windows
- * broom & dustpan
- * indoor waste container
- * fire alarm & extinguisher(s)

As above including:

- * dishes, cutlery, dishpan, etc.
- * shelving & storage area

HORSE & HORSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

REQUIRED

Horses & Stabling

- * good healthy animals
- * tack & harness in good repair
- * wagons, sleighs & buggies in good repair
- * fences, buildings in good repair
- * spacious saddling area
- * clean, well-drained barns, stables, barnyard
- * fully enclosed riding rings
- * wood fences preferred
- * access to drinking water and toilets for guests
- * adequate manure disposal area, apart from public area
- * parking area separated from horse area

HORSE-RELATED BUSINESSES

See: Horses and Stabling (above)

Definition:

Backyard Hoses(s) – family use horse, available to guests limited to 100 horse-hours per year

OUTFITTERS

See: MCVA requirements for horse-related businesses (below)

See: Horses and Stabling (above)

Must meet all Manitoba safety, insurance and legal requirements

MCVA REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE-RELATED BUSINESSES

1. **Principle Guide:** the person in charge of the trail ride, the outriders, the horses, and the riders (or passengers)

The principle guide ***must***:

- * be experienced with horses and guiding
- * be familiar with the dynamics of a rail ride
 - i.e.: a group of non-riders and horses together
- * pass a MCVA competency test
- * have a current First Aid certificate

2. **The Principle Guide *must*:**

- a. prior to the ride, inform the riders of the rules and their responsibility to obey them
- b. prior to the ride, conduct an orientation on safety and how to control a horse
- c. operate the string to the ability of the LEAST capable rider
- d. not allow unattended stragglers
- e. not, knowingly, allow an intoxicated person to ride or mount a horse

3. **All rides *MUST* be guided.**

4. **Rides greater than** six guests ***must*** have 1 outrider, with 1 outrider per 6 guests thereafter.

5. **Outriders *must*** be capable riders and familiar with the dynamics of a trail ride.

(Persons handling packhorses are NOT outriders.)

6. **All horses *must*** be experienced, gentle and stable in nature.

7. **String horses *must*** be socialized within the group.

8. **String horses *must*** be kept separate from other groups.

9. **Each group *must*** have a principle guide.

10. **All equipment *must*** be in good serviceable condition.

NOT ALLOWED: racing, riding double, galloping out of line, galloping or trotting within sight of home

Operators of harnessed wagon or carriage horses *must* observe those requirements, which are applicable to their operation.