



## TIPS FOR MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance of the farmyard and buildings is important for preventing biosecurity risks. Maintenance can reduce or eliminate entry points or habitats for pests and ensure that the desired environmental conditions are achieved in buildings.

Here are some tips for regular maintenance as it pertains to biosecurity.

- **Water management**
  - » The yard is kept clean and graded so that water does not accumulate
  - » Drainage is directed away from buildings and facilities
  - » Water lines are free of leaks and flushed/sanitized regularly
- **Vegetation management**
  - » Keep vegetation around buildings mowed to reduce the chance of providing an alternate host or shelter for pests
  - » Have a weed and volunteer plant control plan, especially in borders and hedgerows surrounding fields where there may be alternate crop pest hosts (ex. wild apple trees near commercial orchards)
- **Shipping/Delivery/Entry and Clean-out Areas**
  - » Provide a cement pad outside of entry and clean-out areas, including shipping areas, for easy cleaning
  - » Delivery and shipping areas should be kept uncluttered and clean, with garbage contained
- **Building Maintenance/Organization**
  - » Carry out preventative building maintenance to keep pests out and leaks at bay
  - » Have a designated area for garbage and debris, and make sure that it is separate from areas where it could cause problems (i.e. feed rooms, packing areas)
  - » Clean out livestock areas regularly
  - » Remove manure and bedding to designated storage areas immediately during cleaning
  - » Remove excess plant debris regularly and sanitize between crops, when possible
  - » Replace broken boards, ripped siding, etc. promptly

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