

RiverSun Farm Website Deployment Instructions

Overview

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for deploying your new RiverSun Farm website to Hostinger and configuring DNS settings on GoDaddy.

Files Included

- `riversunfarm-website.zip` - Contains the complete static website files ready for upload

Deployment Steps

1. Log in to Hostinger

1. Go to <https://hpanel.hostinger.com/>
2. Enter your credentials:
3. Username: kinan@protonmail.com
4. Password: [Your password]

2. Set Up a Test Subdomain

1. In the Hostinger control panel, navigate to **Domains** → **Subdomains**
2. Create a new subdomain:
3. Enter "test" in the subdomain field
4. Select "riversunfarm.com.au" as the parent domain
5. Click "Create"

3. Upload Website Files

1. In the Hostinger control panel, navigate to **Files** → **File Manager**
2. Navigate to the directory for your test subdomain (typically `/public_html/test/`)
3. Click "Upload" and select the `riversunfarm-website.zip` file
4. Once uploaded, right-click on the ZIP file and select "Extract"
5. Extract the contents to the current directory

6. After extraction, you should see a "dist" folder
7. Move all contents from the "dist" folder to the root of your test subdomain directory
8. Delete the empty "dist" folder and the ZIP file to keep your hosting clean

4. Configure Website Settings

1. In the Hostinger control panel, navigate to **Websites** → **Manage** (for riversunfarm.com.au)
2. Under "Website" tab, ensure SSL is enabled for your test subdomain
3. If needed, navigate to **Advanced** → **Website Configuration**
4. Ensure the document root is set correctly for your test subdomain

5. Test the Website

1. Open a web browser and navigate to <https://test.riversunfarm.com.au>
2. Verify all pages load correctly:
3. Home page
4. About Us page
5. Contact page
6. Test the contact form functionality
7. Check mobile responsiveness by resizing your browser or using a mobile device
8. Verify all images load properly

6. Update DNS Settings (After Approval)

Once you've reviewed and approved the test site, follow these steps to update DNS settings:

1. Log in to GoDaddy:
2. Go to <https://www.godaddy.com/>
3. Username: 108866004
4. Password: [Your password]
5. Navigate to **My Products** → **Domains** → **riversunfarm.com.au**
6. Select **DNS** or **Manage DNS**
7. Update the following DNS records:
8. Find the A record pointing to LocalLine and update it to point to your Hostinger IP address (You can find your Hostinger IP address in the Hostinger control panel under **Websites** → **[your website]** → **Advanced** → **Website Information**)

9. Update any CNAME records as needed
10. Ensure MX records are correctly configured for email delivery
11. Save your changes

7. Verify DNS Propagation

1. DNS changes can take 24-48 hours to fully propagate
2. Use a tool like <https://www.whatsmydns.net/> to check propagation status
3. Once propagation is complete, verify your website is accessible at <https://riversunfarm.com.au>

8. Final Steps

1. Once the website is live and functioning correctly, you can cancel your LocalLine subscription
2. Consider setting up regular backups of your website through Hostinger
3. Update your passwords for both Hostinger and GoDaddy for security

Troubleshooting

Common Issues and Solutions

1. **Website not loading after DNS update**
 2. Verify DNS settings are correct
 3. Check that the website files are in the correct directory
 4. Ensure SSL certificate is properly installed
5. **Images not displaying**
 6. Verify image paths are correct
 7. Check file permissions (should be 644 for images)
8. **Contact form not working**
 9. Ensure PHP is enabled on your hosting
 10. Check form submission settings

Support Resources

- Hostinger Support: <https://www.hostinger.com/support>

- GoDaddy Support: <https://www.godaddy.com/help>

If you encounter any issues during deployment, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance.