

# WANT TO APPLY MANURE?

## 4 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE APPLICATION

### 1 DOES YOUR CROP NEED MANURE RIGHT NOW?

Make sure you apply only what the crop needs. Take annual soil tests, seasonal manure tests, and know crop yields, to help **calculate agronomic rate** for each application.

### 2 IS IT SAFE TO APPLY MANURE RIGHT NOW?

Look at the **Manure Spreading Advisory**, rain forecast, and/or wind speed to minimize manure transport from your field. Know before you go.

### 3 IS YOUR FIELD IN GOOD CONDITION TO APPLY MANURE?

Fill out an **ARM worksheet** before each **application event** to assess your field. Do not apply to saturated, frozen or snow covered ground. Limit application to fields with a high water table, limited infiltration, and/or potential of flooding.

### 4 WHAT THINGS CAN YOU DO TO MINIMIZE RISK?

Know your landscape and avoid application to high risk areas during high risk times. Follow **Manure Application Setback Distances** and monitor your field after application for any discharge. If present, deal with immediately.

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# MANURE SPREADING RESOURCES

## DAIRY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

A plan for utilizing your on farm nutrients (manure) in a way that maximizes forage and crop growth, protects natural resources (soil, water, and air), and increases the efficiency and productivity of your farm.

## MANURE SPREADING ADVISORY (MSA)

The first step in assessing if the weather conditions are suitable for manure application. This should be followed up with observation of your specific field characteristics to determine if application is appropriate at any time of the year.

**Link: [www.whatcomcd.org/MSA](http://www.whatcomcd.org/MSA)**

**Sign up for text alerts:**

**Text "EZManure" to 797979.**

## APPLICATION RISK MANAGEMENT (ARM)

A system with an online worksheet, that allows you to assess the risk of applying manure at any given time of the year by helping you identify field characteristics that have a lower risk. The system guides you through the process of properly assessing, managing, and reducing application risks for all of your fields.

## MANURE APPLICATION SETBACK DISTANCES

Recommended seasonal distances for reducing sediment and nutrient transport based on seasonal precipitation and soil saturation conditions. These guidelines apply equally to both liquid and solid manures.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
80	80	40	40	40/ 10	10	10	10	40	80	80	80