

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPREADING OF MANURE

ALL FARM OPERATORS AND FARM OWNERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO EXTENSION OF THE NUTRIENT APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FIELD APPLICATION OF ANIMAL MANURES.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLING MANURE REMAINS DECEMBER 15, 2018

Emergency Winter Spreading

TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST NUTRIENT LOSSES TO WATERWAYS, SPREADING MANURE IN WINTER IS PROHIBITED IN MARYLAND EXCEPT WHEN EMERGENCY EXEMPTIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH FARMERS TO PREVENT OVERFLOWS FROM STORAGE STRUCTURES IN WINTER. IN THESE INSTANCES, FARMERS MUST CONTACT THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR AUTHORIZATION ***BEFORE ANY SPREADING TAKES PLACE***. THE DEPARTMENT WILL WORK WITH FARMERS TO PREVENT OVERFLOWS FROM STORAGE STRUCTURES AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO WATER QUALITY. STACKABLE SOLIDS MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO FIELDS IN WINTER, BUT TEMPORARY STOCKPILING IS ALLOWED FOR SOLID MANURES. **CONTACT THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IF YOU HAVE STORAGE CONCERNS.**

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