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Winter Manure: A Hot Topic In Cold Weather

When manure runs off farm fields into waterways, that's pollution. And in Michigan, you can be fined for that. Winter is an especially risky time for spreading manure on fields. The snow-covered and frozen ground makes it easier for manure to runoff into streams and rivers. Winter spreading is not allowed in some states, but in Michigan it's okay if you plan ahead and adopt some common-sense safeguards.

This winter, why not take a few minutes to think through your risk? To help, we prepared this simple color-coded scale for five risk factors you need to consider before the ground freezes and the snow falls.



Plan your winter manure spreading now to avoid trouble later.



Answer each of the five questions as honestly as possible to assess your winter manure spreading habits. Where do you fall on the scale? If you are in the red, we recommend that you explore options to reduce your risk so you can sleep better on a cold winter night. Seeing green? Congratulations! You can rest easy knowing that you are doing your part to keep Michigan's waterways clean, and reducing your risk of legal consequences.



Are Your Manure Spreading Habits Putting You At Risk?

Check yourself on the risk-o-meters below!

