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**Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #2 of 2018: South Coast Region**

**Date: May 3, 2018**

Refer to [Manure Spreading Advisory #2 of 2018](#) (April 23, 2018) for the current Advisory. The following Update does not change the Advisory.

**From the current Advisory:**

*“Well planned manure applications are acceptable on most fields that are seeded, will be seeded within two weeks, and/or well-established grasses.”*

The Canada Good Agricultural Practices outline how to apply manure to food crops and minimizes risk from pathogens:

- Incorporate manure into the soil within 24 hours to minimize contamination to adjacent crops from wind drift or run-off.
- Take precautions when using untreated or partially treated manure (for example, aged) on fruits and vegetables that can be consumed raw or with minimal processing. For example:
  - *For crops that are not eaten raw or where the manure does not come into contact with the edible part:* apply manure when the time between application and harvest is greater than three months.
  - *For crops that can be eaten raw and where the manure can come into contact with the edible part:* apply manure when the time between application and harvest is greater than four months.
  - *In non-fruiting years for perennial crops:* apply manure when the application is not in the year of harvest.

See section 8.3 (Nutrient Use) of the [GAP webpage](#) for more information.

Producers are responsible for decisions regarding manure spreading. Legislation gives no specific dates for manure spreading but it does not allow for manure to be spread in a manner that causes pollution.

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