



Reminder for Spreading Manure in the Fall/Winter in BC

If you spend the time and money to spread manure, do it at a time when you will get the most value from it. Keep the nutrients where you want them by spreading when and where there is no or little chance for runoff. This will also help prevent the contamination of nearby streams and surface water.

Using this Ministry developed [interactive worksheet](#) to help assess your field conditions can help optimize the application, and reduce your cost and labour, as well as the risk of runoff.

The rules in BC for applying manure are intended to protect water and air quality, but by keeping manure and the nutrients it contains out of water and air, it will stay where you want it and where you will benefit from it– in the field for your crops.

A Reminder: spreading in the following conditions is prohibited by the [Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management](#) in BC.

- When the ground is frozen* or snow-covered**
- When the soil is saturated with water
- During adverse weather conditions (strong winds and/or intense rainfall)

*Soil is considered frozen when the top 5 cm of ground is impenetrable with manually operated equipment.

**Snow-covered means at least 50% of the area is covered in 5 cm of snow or ice.

More information on timing and seasonal restrictions for manure applications can be found on the Ministry of Agriculture's [website here](#).

If you require more information on Nutrient Management on visit www.gov.bc.ca/nutrientmanagement

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