



Delaware Nutrient Management



January 2016

Dear Nutrient Certification Holder:

This letter is to remind you that the spreading of manure and commercial fertilizer during the period December 7, 2015 through February 15, 2016 is prohibited. Exceptions may be granted due to extraordinary circumstances such as a pending overflow of a liquid storage structure.

If the winter application of liquid manure is necessary from December 7 to February 15 the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. The person doing the application must contact the Nutrient Management office prior to the start of spreading operations.
2. The application of liquid manure shall be done at the recommendation of a nutrient consultant.
3. The following Application setbacks shall apply:
 - 100 feet from a public road.
 - 100 feet from any surface water, ditch that conveys runoff, or defined wetland area unless best management practices are in place that provide water quality protection equivalent to such a setback (i.e. vegetative buffers).
 - 200 feet from a residence not located on the property.
 - 200 feet from a domestic well and 300 feet from a public water supply.
4. Fields receiving winter manure applications must have 30% residue cover, an established cover crop or vegetative cover.
5. Nutrients should be applied to minimize environmental impact by maximizing application area and vegetative uptake.
6. Application shall not exceed the nutrient need of the crop for which nutrients are being managed. In no case shall the application rate per acre exceed the crops' phosphorus removal rate or 50% of the crops' nitrogen removal rate.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We can be reached at (302) 698-4500.

Sincerely,

Chris Brosch
Program Administrator

RAC/bc