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**Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #4 2015: South Coast Region**

**Date: January 4, 2016**

Refer to Manure Spreading Advisory #4 of 2015 (November 2, 2015) for the current Advisory: "in general, manure application on any crops is not advised."

Reminder

Field-stored solid agricultural wastes (except agricultural vegetation waste)  
**MUST** be COVERED from October 1 to April 1, inclusive.

The wording in the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation is as follows:

"In areas of the Province, including the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island, that receive a total average precipitation greater than 600 mm (24 in) during the months of October to April inclusive, field stored solid agricultural wastes, except agricultural vegetation waste, must be covered from October 1 to April 1 inclusive to prevent the escape of agricultural waste that causes pollution."

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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