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**Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #2 of 2017: South Coast Region**

**Date: Oct 5, 2017**

Refer to [Manure Spreading Advisory #2](#) of 2017 (September 5, 2017) for the current Advisory. The following Update does not change the Advisory.

Some items to highlight from the Advisory:

- Perennial grasses may continue to benefit from fall manure applications when applied to meet crop nutrient needs.
- Manure should not be applied within 8 meters of ditches or watercourses. Buffer width should be increased for slopes greater than 5% and/or if the potential for runoff exists. Always check the precipitation forecast prior to spreading.
- Manure applications for cover crops and newly seeded grasses should be based on a soil test and only applied if the cover crop will become well established to uptake nutrients prior to the end of the growing season. Manure applications on harvested or fallow fields are not recommended.
- Reminder that field stored solid agricultural wastes (except vegetation waste) must be covered after October 1.

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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