

QUICK GUIDE FOR COMPLIANT NUTRIENT APPLICATIONS

Manure Storage & Applications

Do not store or apply organic manure:

- within 10 metres of surface waters, or if using precision spreading equipment within 6 metres.
- where there is significant risk of runoff entering a surface water e.g. in floodplains or on sloping land, or within 50 metres of a spring, well or borehole.

Nutrient Applications

Do not apply manufactured fertiliser within 2 metres of surface water.

Weather Conditions

Do not apply organic manures or manufactured fertilisers:

- if the soil is waterlogged, flooded, or snow covered.
- if the soil has been frozen for more 12 hours in the previous 24 hours.
- if there is significant risk of causing environmental pollution from soil erosion and run-off.

Actions to Take:

- Verify distances from muck heaps to surface waters.
- Monitor area around muck heaps for potential runoff.
- Check current and previous soil and weather conditions.
- Assess field risk based on slope, soil condition, connectivity to surface water, drains, tracks and roads.
- Regularly calibrate equipment and keep records.
- Measure distance of buffer strips or use GPS maps to show spreading locations.
- Check for signs of spread material within the restricted zone.

Advice & Guidance

Scan the QR code with a smart phone or contact Herefordshire Rural Hub to get advice & support for your business:



If an accident happens: Be proactive, call the Environment Agency on Tel: 0800 807060