

Manitowoc County

Responding to MANURE SPILLS and RUN-OFF



Create a dam to stop the flow of manure.



Divert manure from critical sites, including culverts, as shown in this picture.



Use a vacuum truck to remove manure from critical sites.



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Who to Contact if a Manure Spill or Run-off Occurs

Wisconsin DNR Spill Reporting Hotline

1-800-943-0003 (This number is staffed 24 hours a day.)

Conservation Warden

Robert Stroess – 920-755-4985

Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department

920-683-4183 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday)

Home Phone Numbers for County Staff

Bruce Riesterer – 920-901-5712

Tony Smith – 920-683-1908

Jerry Halverson – 920-758-2467

Scott Gunderson – 920-682-1090

Manitowoc County Emergency Management

920-683-4207

Use Caution when Applying Manure Near Critical Sites Which Include:

- ◆ wells
- ◆ channels
- ◆ ditches
- ◆ waterways
- ◆ streams
- ◆ rivers
- ◆ lakes
- ◆ ponds
- ◆ tile inlets
- ◆ broken tile lines
- ◆ sinkholes
- ◆ bedrock near surface

Utilize current hazard maps provided by the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department at <http://webmap.manitowoc-county.com/website/hazard%202008/home.html> or call 920-683-4183 for assistance.



If manure is running off the field while surface applying, STOP! Work manure into the soil immediately.



Wisconsin state law requires immediate reporting of manure spills and run-off to the

DNR Spill Reporting Hotline
at 1-800-943-0003,

if it threatens to cause adverse impacts to human health, safety or the environment.

Leaks and Spills from Manure Storage Facilities

- Contain the spill immediately through the use of basins and berms
- Divert manure from critical sites including: wells, channels, ditches, waterways, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, tile inlets, broken tile lines, sinkholes, and bedrock near the surface
- Repair storage facility immediately
- If field conditions warrant, remove only enough manure to get you through to the next scheduled application cycle (e.g. spring or fall)
- Contact the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department (920-683-4183) to make critical repairs

Manure Run-off from Fields

- Stop manure application immediately
- Contain run-off immediately through the use of berms and basins
- Divert manure run-off from critical sites including: wells, channels, ditches, waterways, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, tile inlets, broken tile lines, sinkholes, and bedrock near the surface
- Incorporate applied manure
- Plug tile lines if manure has entered them
- Evaluate and eliminate the situation that caused the run-off



When you report a spill, you will need to provide the following information.

- Your name and address and the location of the spill, along with the property owner's name.
- The physical state, quantity, and chemical characteristics of the discharged substances.
- Where the substance was spilled and where the spill was ultimately deposited.
- Actions that you took to stop the release and/or minimize the impact to the environment.
- The actual or potential impacts to human health and the environment.

An accidental spill is not illegal. Failure to report it is.