

# Responding to Manure Spills & Run-Off Events Manitowoc County

## Create a Dam



Create a dam to stop the flow of manure.

## Divert Manure



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

## Remove Manure



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

## **Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department:**

Office: (920) 683-4183

Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Manitowoc County Emergency Management:**

Office: (920) 683-4207

## **Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department:**

Office: (920) 683-4200

## Use Caution when Applying Manure Near Critical Sites Which Include:

- ◆ Channels
- ◆ Ditches
- ◆ Waterways
- ◆ Streams
- ◆ Rivers
- ◆ 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://webmap2.manitowoc-county.com/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

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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 & 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
- 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.**