



Ministry of Agriculture  
and Lands

Sustainable Agriculture  
Management Branch

## MEMORANDUM

Re: **UPDATE to Manure Spreading Advisory #3 - 2009: South Coastal Region**

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**Reminder: careful manure application is suitable on well established perennial grassland fields. Manure application to harvested or fallow fields is not recommended unless cover crops were planted early enough (before Sept 24) to support substantial fall growth and become well established. See Advisory #3 for additional details and application rates.**

**For manure application, the suggested minimum setback to watercourses is 8 metres in October. This distance changes depending on a variety of factors including weather, topography, soil conditions and rate of application.**

**Expect Spreading Advisory #4 of 2009 to be released later this month or in early November when conditions for manure spreading become least suitable.**

Advisories & Updates can be found online at  
[www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/ManureAdvisory](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/ManureAdvisory)  
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