



MANURE SPREADER LOAN PROGRAM

Why Use a Manure Spreader?

Spreading manure or compost on pastures can improve the health of your pasture and put livestock manure to good use. A manure spreader is a chore-efficient way to distribute manure and provides an even application of nutrients. This helps prevent the smothering of grass plants and also reduces the potential for nutrient runoff into nearby streams.

The King Conservation District manure spreader is available for loan from April 1 to September 31. For information and waiting list go to tinyurl.com/KCDManureSpreader

LOAN DETAILS

The King Conservation District has a two-yard compost spreader available for loan to landowners in the District's service area.* The spreader is available for a \$50 fee to help offset delivery, insurance and maintenance costs. We will conduct a nutrient management consultation upon delivery of the spreader to determine proper application rates. We strongly encourage landowners to have a recent soil test analysis available for review at the time of the consultation. (Contact King Conservation District for more information on our free soil testing program.) Landowners with a current farm conservation plan do not need a manure and nutrient consultation. However, a follow-up review of the farm conservation plan is required.



The spreader is ground-driven and can be towed by a small tractor or a pick-up truck. This manure spreader is too large to be pulled by a riding mower.

The spreader is available from April 1 to September 31. Reservations are required and landowners will be placed on a waiting list. In order to save resources, the spreader will be scheduled by neighborhood.

To get on the waiting list, visit <http://tinyurl.com/KCDManureSpreader> or contact our office.

Note: Spreading composted manure versus raw manure is the ideal. The nutrients in composted manure are more readily available for pasture grasses to absorb. To find out more about composting manure, check out our Manure Management Overview fact sheet.

** Landowners who live within the city limits of Enumclaw, Federal Way, Skykomish, Milton, and Pacific are outside the King Conservation District boundaries and are unable to take advantage of this program. Residents in those cities who are interested in KCD services should contact local elected officials about the benefits of joining the King Conservation District.*