



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 CD manure spreader is available for loan from April 1 to September 31. For info, contact Jay Mirro : 425-282-1905 or jay.mirro@kingcd.org

LOAN DETAILS

The King Conservation District has a two-yard compost spreader available for loan to landowners in the District.* Use of the spreader is free, but requires a manure and nutrient management consultation and recent soil test results for the land on which the spreader will be used. (Contact the King CD for more information on our free soil testing program.) This information will help determine the proper manure application rates.

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. The spreader is too large to be pulled by a riding mower.

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

To get on the waiting list, contact Jay Mirro at: 425-282-1905 or jay.mirro@kingcd.org

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 District boundaries and are unable to take advantage of this program. Residents in those cities who are interested in King CD services should contact their local elected official about the benefits of joining the Conservation District.