Regulations for Fertilizer and Manure Applications in the Lake Erie Western Basin Watershed

New restrictions became effective July 3, 2015 and affect counties shown in watershed map.

**Fertilizer application restrictions are based on:**
- Frozen or snow-covered soil
- When the top two inches of soil are saturated from precipitation
- In granular form when the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than a 50% chance of precipitation exceeding one inch in a 12 hour period

**Manure application restrictions are based on:**
- Frozen or snow-covered soil
- When the top two inches of soil are saturated from precipitation
- When the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than a 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 1/2 inch in a 24 hour period

**Exceptions available for fertilizer or manure that is:**
- Injected into the ground
- Incorporated within 24 hours of surface application
- Applied onto a growing crop

**Exemptions available for operations:**
- Medium-size until July, 2016
- Small-size until July, 2017

**More information:**
More information is available at nutrienteducation.osu.edu