

# I Recycle



**FOR CENTURIES, FARMERS HAVE RECYCLED MANURE** as a natural fertilizer and soil conditioner. Today, farmers take recycling to the next level by using the latest environmental practices to prevent manure from washing into streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

Poultry and livestock farmers store manure in protective structures until it's safe to fertilize their fields. If soil tests show that their fields are over-enriched, they haul the manure to other farmers to recycle following strict environmental guidelines until planting time. It's how we recycle on the farm. Learn more.



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