

Pardon Me...



IS THAT THE SWEET SMELL OF SPRING?—If you live near a working farm, spring breezes may carry the unmistakable odor of manure. That’s because farmers have begun spreading manure on fields in preparation for planting.

To protect local streams and the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland prohibits farmers from spreading manure in winter. March 1 is the first opportunity for farmers to recycle manure generated over the winter as a valuable crop fertilizer. It doesn’t smell pretty, but it goes with the territory. The good news is the smell usually goes away in a day or two. Learn more.



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