

## Ready, Set, Haul!

Applications and claims for payment may be downloaded from the department's website at [mda.maryland.gov/manure](http://mda.maryland.gov/manure). Farmers with questions may contact the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program directly at 410-841-5864 or reach out to their local soil conservation district for assistance.

## Manure Matching Service

A Manure Matching Service compliments the Fast Track program by connecting poultry and livestock farmers with nearby farmers or alternative use projects that can use the litter as a valuable resource. Authorized by the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1998, the Manure Matching Service helps farmers manage manure resources, comply with nutrient management regulations, and protect water quality in streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. The Service is voluntary, free and available to both sending and receiving operations. For more information, call 410-841-5864.



## Maryland's 24 Soil Conservation Districts

Allegany	301-777-1747, ext. 3
Anne Arundel	410-571-6757
Baltimore County	410-527-5920, ext. 3
Calvert	410-535-1521, ext. 3
Caroline	410-479-1202, ext. 3
Carroll	410-848-8200, ext. 3
Catoctin	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Cecil	410-398-4411, ext. 3
Charles	301-638-3028
Dorchester	410-228-5640, ext. 3
Frederick	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Garrett	301-501-5856, ext. 3
Harford	410-638-4828
Howard	410-313-0680
Kent	410-778-5150, ext. 3
Montgomery	301-590-2855
Prince George's	301-574-5162, ext. 3
Queen Anne's	410-758-3136, ext. 3
St. Mary's	301-475-8402, ext. 3
Somerset	410-621-9310
Talbot	410-822-1577, ext. 3
Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3



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### Conservation Grants Program

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## Maryland's Fast Track Grants to Haul Poultry Litter







## Are you Ready to Fast Track?

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is making it easy for farmers to transport poultry litter quickly and with less red tape through its new and improved **Fast Track** grant program. This time-saving cost-share option provides farmers with grant approval to transport poultry litter out of nutrient-sensitive areas in as little as 48 hours.

The goal of **Fast Track** is to help farmers do their part to manage nutrients more efficiently and protect water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Both farmers and manure brokers may apply for **Fast Track** grants to haul poultry litter. Participation in the traditional Manure Transport Program remains an option for farmers who want to haul other types of manure or when Fast Track grants to move poultry litter are not appropriate.



## How it Works

The new, simplified **Fast Track** application process does not require submission of a nutrient management plan. Instead, farmers submit a soil analysis and map showing fields where manure is to be applied. If the fields of the receiving farm have phosphorus Fertility Index Values (FIVs) of 100 or less **and** the farmer plants a corn crop, he or she will be approved to apply **three tons of poultry litter per acre**.

Qualifying farmers receive cost-share grants of up to \$18 per ton to help cover transportation costs associated with moving poultry litter. Applications and claims for payment may be downloaded from the department's website and submitted directly to the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program.

## Biosecurity Measures

To help ensure the health and safety of Maryland's poultry industry, the Fast Track program requires transporters to follow biosecurity protocols:

- Make sure the cargo area is clean and free of foreign material before loading poultry litter.
- Secure all loads so that poultry litter does not spill, blow, drop, or leak from transportation or application equipment.
- Cover all loads during transport on public roads.
- Do not transport poultry litter containing dead birds that are not completely composted.
- Clean and disinfect boots when arriving and leaving farms. Change outerwear such as coveralls between farm visits.

## FAST TRACK AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Fast Track grants are available for poultry litter that is being transported to a farming operation that does not generate manure.
- ✓ Receiving operations and brokers registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture are eligible to receive state cost-share assistance.
- ✓ The receiving operation must have a current nutrient management plan for all fields enrolled in Fast Track prior to land application of poultry litter.
- ✓ A manure analysis is required.
- ✓ Only corn that will be harvested for grain or silage may be grown on fields receiving manure under a Fast Track agreement.
- ✓ Fields with a soil phosphorus Fertility Index Value (FIV) of 100 or less may receive up to 3 tons of poultry litter per acre; fields with a soil phosphorus level that is greater than 100 FIV are not eligible for this program.
- ✓ Applicants are required to submit:
  - Recent soil test results (3 years old or less)
  - Maps showing the locations of fields that will receive the manure
  - Stockpile locations (if applicable)
- ✓ Other restrictions may apply.

