

# What do you know?

*(about chicken manure)*



**EVERYONE KNOWS** that chicken manure makes a great natural fertilizer and soil conditioner. But did you know that farmers who use manure take extra steps to protect local streams and the Chesapeake Bay?

Maryland farmers test their soil to see if chicken manure is the right fertilizer for their crops. Nutrient management plans tell them how much manure to use. Stream buffers and setbacks keep manure and its nutrients away from local waterways. Learn more.



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