

Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Coordination Project Partners

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University Publications:

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University Publications:

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University Publications:

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Water Resource Research Institutes

Water and Environmental Research
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<http://www.uaf.edu/water/>

Idaho Water Resources
Research Institute

<http://www.boise.uidaho.edu/>

Institute for Water and
Watersheds (Oregon)

<http://water.oregonstate.edu/>

State of Washington
Water Research Center

<http://www.swwrc.wsu.edu/>

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA, Region 10

The Pacific Northwest

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The Project

Land Grant Universities, Water Research Institutes, and EPA Region 10 have formed a partnership to provide research and education to communities about protecting or restoring the quality of water resources. This partnership is being supported in part by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System (CSREES).

Our Goal and Approach

The goal of this Project is to provide leadership for water resources research, education, and outreach to help people, industry, and governments to prevent and solve current and emerging water quality and quantity problems. The approach to achieving this goal is for the Partners to develop a coordinated water quality effort based on, and strengthening, individual state programs.

Our Strengths

The Project promotes regional collaboration by acknowledging existing programs and successful efforts; assisting program gaps; identifying potential issues for cross-agency and private sector collaboration; and developing a clearinghouse of expertise and programs. In addition, the Project establishes or enhances partnerships with federal, state, and local environmental and water resource management agencies, such as by placing a University Liaison within the offices of EPA Region 10.

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WASHINGTON Publications

EB 0712 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Under Irrigation

EB 1386 Safe Disposal of Home Use Pesticides

EB 1543 Pesticide Movement in Soils-Groundwater Protection

EB 1716 Farming Practices for Groundwater Protection

EB 1631 Protect Your Groundwater: Survey Your Home Environment

EB 1632 Why the Concern about Agricultural Contamination in Groundwater?

EB 1633 Role of Soil in Groundwater Protection

EB 1644 Protecting Groundwater from Pesticide Contamination

EB 1721 Defining Water Quality
EB 1722 How Fertilizers and Plant Nutrients Affect Groundwater Quality

EB 1730 Pesticide Mixing and Loading Options to Protect Water Quality

EB 1744 Your Yard and Water Quality: Simple Things Gardeners Can Do To Prevent Water Contamination

EB 1751 Economic Issues in Protecting Groundwater Quality

EM 4885 Irrigation Management Practices to Protect Surface and Ground Water Quality in the State of Washington

PNW0287 Irrigation Runoff Control Strategies

PNW0550 Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden



National Water Quality Program Areas

The four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest have aligned our water resource extension and research efforts with eight themes of the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System.

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| 1. Animal Waste Management | 5. Pollution Assessment and Prevention |
| 2. Drinking Water and Human Health | 6. Watershed Management |
| 3. Environmental Restoration | 7. Water Conservation and Management |
| 4. Nutrient and Pesticide Management | 8. Water Policy and Economics |

CSREES is the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service, a sub-agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and is the federal partner in this water quality program.

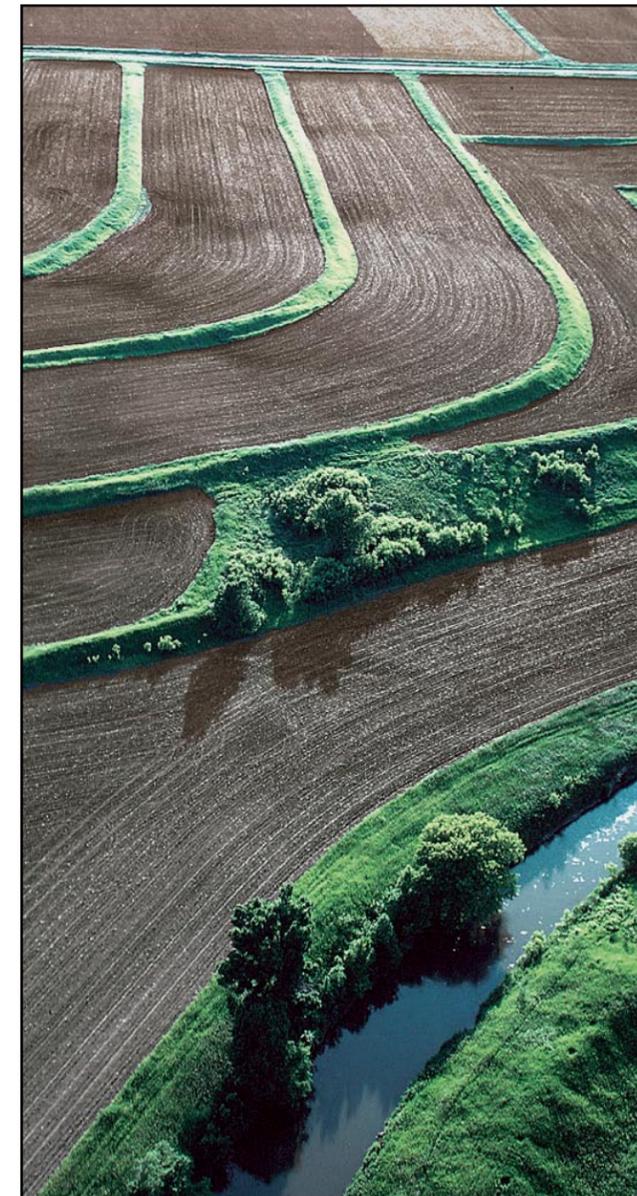


Applying knowledge to improve water quality

Pacific Northwest Regional Water Program

A Partnership of USDA CSREES & Land Grant Colleges and Universities

Nutrient and Pesticide Management



Overview

Pesticide and fertilizer use is almost everywhere across the Pacific Northwest's developed and agricultural landscapes. In order to provide larger harvests of affordable foods, farmers often supply crops with proper nutrients (fertilizers) and protect them from pests (weeds, insects, fungi, etc.) by applying pesticides. In maintaining their landscapes, homeowners tend to use proportionately more fertilizers and pesticides than do farmers and frequently have less training in proper application methods. Human and animal health problems can occur through excessive exposure to landscape and farm chemicals. Environmental pollution can occur when these chemicals enter waterways and groundwater systems. Nutrients and pesticides can enter surface and ground waters through misapplication, movement of treated soils, irrigation return flows, runoff from urban and agricultural land, stormwater runoff, and leaching through soils. Groundwater contamination from pesticides and nutrients is a difficult long-term issue due to the impracticality of cleansing groundwater aquifers. Responsible agricultural producers and homeowners employ methods to assure proper application of chemicals to minimize potential exposure to people, animals, and the environment. The land grant universities of the Pacific Northwest region engage in a broad range of research activities, outreach, and training programs to assist agriculturists, pesticide applicators, and homeowners in properly managing nutrients and pesticides, for optimal production and environmental stewardship. The universities provide research-based educational materials on soils, plant choices, irrigation management techniques, fertilizer, and pesticide use and a range of other related topics.

Outcomes

- Home gardeners and producers are more aware of dangers from improper management of pesticides and nutrients
- Return irrigation flows to rivers are cleaner
- Groundwater is protected from contamination
- Landowners and agricultural producers better manage chemicals used to enhance landscapes and to grow crops





Pacific Northwest Regional Publications: (note: these publications can be obtained from publication offices at Oregon State University, Washington State University, and the University of Idaho)

- PNW 255 Tank-Mixing Herbicides
- PNW 276 Current Nutrient Status of Soils in Idaho, Oregon and Washington
- PNW 287 Irrigation Runoff Control Strategies
- PNW 320 Calibrating and Using a Backpack Sprayer
- PNW 505 Which Test Is Best? Dairy Manure Testing
- PNW 508 Fertilizing with Biosolids
- PNW 511 Worksheet for Calculating Biosolids Application Rates in Agriculture
- PNW 513 Nitrogen Uptake and Utilization by Pacific Northwest Crops
- PNW 533 Fertilizing With Manure
- PNW 546 Nutrient Management for Onions in the Pacific Northwest
- PNW 549 Keeping Track of Manure Nutrients in Dairy Pastures
- PNW 570-E Monitoring Soil Nutrients Using a Management Unit Approach

Fertilizer Guides

Each of the four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest (University of Alaska, University of Idaho, Oregon State University, Washington State University) provides up-to-date fertilizer recommendations for economically important crops. Please see the publication website (on the back page) for specific fertilizer guide publications in your state.

Pesticide Use Guidelines

Each of the four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest (University of Alaska, University of Idaho, Oregon State University, Washington State University) provides up-to-date pesticide use recommendations and integrated pest management strategies for economically important crops. Each year WSU, OSU and UI produce the PNW Weed Management Handbook, the PNW Insect Management Handbook, and the PNW Plant Disease Management Handbook. Please see the publication website (on the back page) for the pesticide management handbooks and for specific pesticide use publications in your state.

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ALASKA Publications

- FGV-00149A Forage Crops: Field Crop Fertilizer Recommendations for Alaska
- FGV-00242A Soil Fertility Basics
- FGV-00348 Nutrient /sources and Lime: Field Crop Fertilizer Recommendations for Alaska
- FGV-00349 Organic Fertilizers
- FGV-00442 Cereal Grains: Field Crop Fertilizer Recommendations for Alaska



- HGA-00131** Make Your Own Complete Fertilizer
- HGA-00436** Tree Maintenance and Pesticides
- HGA-00236** Lawn Maintenance and Pesticides
- GWQ-00547** Protect Water Resources – Understand Pesticide Movement
- LPM-00340** Animal Manure as Fertilizer

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IDAHO Publications

- CIS 757** Nitrogen and Phosphorus BMPs: Fertilizer Placement
- CIS 792** Calibration of Lawn and Garden Pesticide and Fertilizer Applicators for Homeowners
- CIS 861** Pesticide Handling Practices to Protect Groundwater
- CIS 863** Fertilizer Primer: Terminology, Calculations and Application
- CIS 865** Pesticides and Their Movement in Soil and Water
- CIS 872** Quality Water for Idaho – Nitrate and Groundwater
- CIS 907** Phosphates in Detergents
- CIS 938** Quality Water for Idaho: The Role of Integrated Pest Management
- CIS 962** Best Management Practices for Nitrogen Management to Protect Groundwater
- CIS 963** Best Management Practices for Phosphorus Management to Protect Surface Water
- CIS 1065** Improving Sprayer Accuracy: Simple Methods for Correct Calibration

- CIS 1070** Nutrient Management Plans: Who Needs Them and How to Prepare Your Own
- CIS 1099** Idaho's Nitrate Areas of Concern

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- EC 628** Soil Sampling for Home Gardens and Small Acreages
- EC 1094** Calculating the Fertilizer Value of Manure from Livestock Operations
- EC 1278** Fertilizing Lawns
- EC 1478** Soil Test Interpretation Guide
- EC 1503** Fertilizing Your Garden: Vegetables, Fruits, and Ornamentals
- EM 8559** How Soil Properties Affect Groundwater Vulnerability to Pesticide Contamination
- EM 8560** Site Assessment for Groundwater Vulnerability to Pesticide Contamination
- EM 8561-E** Understanding Pesticide Persistence and Mobility for Groundwater and Surface Water Protection (available only online)
- EM 8585** Nutrient Management for Dairy Production: Manure Application Rates for Forage Production
- EM 8586** Nutrient Management for Dairy Production: Dairy Manure as a Fertilizer Source
- EM 8646** Nutrient Management for Dairy Production: Assessing Your Manure Management for Water Quality Risk
- EM 8705** The Oregon Water Quality Decision Aid (OWQDA): An Overview
- EM 8768** Calculating Dairy Manure Nutrient Application Rates
- EM 8841-E** Get to Know the Pesticide Label (available only online)

EM 8848-E Agricultural Phosphorus Management Using the Oregon/ Washington Phosphorus Indexes (available only online)

EM 8850 Oregon Pesticide Safety Education Manual: A Guide to the Safe Use and Handling of Pesticides

EM 8913-E Feed Management as a Tool for Balancing Nutrients on Dairies and Other Livestock Operations (available only online)

EM 8920-E Monitoring Soil Nutrients in Dryland Systems Using Management Units (available only online)

FS 315 How to Avoid Chemical Trespass When Applying Pesticides

PNW 255 Tank-Mixing Herbicides

PNW 259 Valuing Forages Based on Moisture and Nutrient Content

PNW 278 First Aid for Pesticide Poisoning

PNW 320 Calibrating and Using a Backpack Sprayer

PNW 505 Nutrient Management for Dairy Production: Which Test Is Best? Customizing Dairy Manure Nutrient Testing

PNW 506 Date, Rate, and Place: The Field Book for Dairy Manure Applicators

PNW 511-E Worksheet for Calculating Biosolids Application Rates in Agriculture

PNW 549 Keeping Track of Manure Nutrients in Dairy Pastures

PNW 570-E Monitoring Soil Nutrients Using a Management Unit Approach (available only online)

PNW 591 How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides

VTP 17 Calibrating and Using Backpack Sprayers video

WAEM 0167 Agricultural Weed Management Principles

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