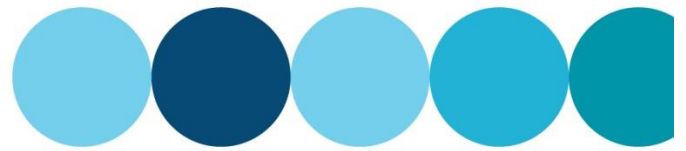


Biosolids fact sheet



Spreading

- Spreading can only commence when weather conditions permit, namely not during or prior to rainfall events or strong winds
- Biosolids are applied to land with <12% slope, subject to soil conservation measures
- Biosolids are not spread within areas of environmental significance
- All spreading activities are undertaken in accordance with DWER and DoH approvals
- Prescribed buffer distances are applied to reduce risk and protect water resources

Storage

- Stockpiles need to be located on flat ground and away from waterways and sensitive premises
- If stored for extended periods, the stockpile must be secure, have drainage controls and bunding
- All storage and applications site must be adequately sign posted
- Subject to the time of the year, stockpiles need to be inspected for fly breeding and management actions implemented if fly breeding is detected

Transport

- Biosolids should be spade-able to ensure stability whilst being transported
- Biosolids trailers have grain locks, watertight seals and sealed tarps to reduce the risk of odour and uncontrolled discharges
- Each trailer is washed down prior to leaving farm to reduce risk of biosolids carryover

Application

- Biosolids application rates are limited by nutrient or contaminant levels based on background soil levels, crop requirements and biosolids quality
- When spread, biosolids should be incorporated into the soil within 36hrs or otherwise when environmental conditions permit
- Livestock should be excluded from biosolids stockpiles and paddocks, and stock withholding periods apply
- Accurate records are maintained specific to volumes, quality, and application rates / area
- All persons handling biosolids are made aware of the risk and OHS requirements

Guideline

Link to the [WA Guideline for Biosolids Management](#)

Enquiries

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