

READ & REVIEW
Rental Protocol for Nutrient Spreaders

1. Complete the reservation request form on the website to indicate which equipment you would like to use and what dates you are interested in using it. Please note, nutrient spreaders are currently rented for a Thursday-Monday rental period. **Rental check-out and check-in times are by appointment only.** *At times we can accommodate exceptions to these regular rental periods, but they must be arranged with our scheduler in advance. Please note that weekend and holiday appointments are not available.

2. Within 3 business days, if your desired date is available, you will receive a confirmation email with further rental information. TCD Staff will contact you directly to schedule a check-out appointment one week prior to your reservation date. **It is crucial to this service to adhere to scheduled rental appointments.**

3. Within the two weeks prior to your rental date, you will receive a PayPal invoice. Once you pay the invoice you will receive an email with more information about the check-out and check-in process. You must pay your invoice upon receipt to move forward with your rental.

4. Before your check-out date, you will receive an e-mail with the weather forecast for your rental period. We do not recommend spreading if the weather forecast shows moderate rainfall after you plan to spread- moderate rainfall is at least 0.25" of total rainfall for the three days **following your treatment**. While it is okay to spread after moderate rainfall, spreading before this amount of rain can decrease the effectiveness of spreading and cause harmful runoff into water bodies. The [Manure Spreader Advisory Tool](#) is a helpful interactive map that shows the forecasted rainfall over the next 72-hours (3 days). If more than 0.25" of total rainfall is forecasted during your rental period, TCD staff will work with you to adjust your rental.

5. On the day of your reservation, you must check-in at the office when you arrive. **Do not enter the equipment yard until directed to do so.** A TCD Staff person will support you in collecting the equipment. Please expect to spend up to 20 minutes going over safety, use, and biosecurity. **You will be required to schedule a check-in appointment at this time for returning the equipment if you have not done so already.**

*If there are any urgent, emergent changes needed in your rental appointments, please connect with staff as soon as possible at (360) 754-3588.

6. For the hauling trailer, you will need a 2-inch ball hitch and a 4-way flat-end electrical hookup. Please be advised, you are responsible for securing the equipment to your vehicle, and you **must have working electrical** hook-ups for indicators, brakes, and running lights. You will not be permitted to leave with equipment unless all hauling hook-ups are functional.

7. Once you receive the equipment, please note its placement on the trailer for loading when you are finished. All components must be cleaned according to the bio-safety cleaning procedures that will have been sent to you and are provided in a binder with the equipment.

8. If the equipment is damaged while in your possession, please send an email to arichardson@thurstoncd.com describing the damage. This may include sending photos.

9. If the equipment is not working correctly or broken, please call the office at (360) 754-3588 as soon as possible during business hours. **Do not proceed with using broken equipment or attempting to fix yourself.** Staff will work to problem solve and reschedule your reservation if needed.

10. When you are done using the equipment, you must clean the equipment thoroughly according to the [Bio-safety Procedure](#) before returning it. **A cleaning fee will be charged if equipment is returned unclean, and you may be ineligible to rent from TCD in the future.**

11. On the date of your return, **please make sure that you are punctual for your check-in appointment.** You must check-in at the office upon arrival. **Do not enter the equipment yard until directed to do so.** Please expect to spend up to 20 minutes reviewing returned equipment with staff.

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12. **Please note**, failure to return the equipment or deliver it to the designated location at the designated time may result in a late or retrieval penalty. Renter agrees to follow the cleaning and biosecurity procedures. Renter agrees to return the equipment in a clean, sanitized, and usable condition. The refundable security deposit will be returned only after the equipment has been inspected and verified clean and complete by TCD staff. Repeated failures to return the equipment to the agreed-upon standard will result in ineligibility to further rent equipment from TCD.