

**18C.201 PROHIBITED FERTILIZER ACTIVITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Storage, handling, distribution, or disposal.** A person may not store, handle, distribute, or dispose of a fertilizer, rinsate, fertilizer container, or fertilizer application equipment in a manner:

- (1) that endangers humans, damages agricultural products, food, livestock, fish, or wildlife;
- (2) that will cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment; or

(3) that will cause contamination of public or other waters of the state, as defined in section 103G.005, subdivisions 15 and 17, from backsiphoning or backflowing of fertilizers through water wells or from the direct flowage of fertilizers.

Subd. 2. **Use of public water supplies for filling equipment.** A person may not fill fertilizer application equipment directly from a public water supply, as defined in section 144.382, unless the outlet from the public water supply is equipped with a backflow prevention device that complies with Minnesota Rules, chapter 4714.

Subd. 3. **Use of public waters for filling equipment.** A person may not fill fertilizer application equipment directly from public or other waters of the state, as defined in section 103G.005, subdivisions 15 and 17, unless the equipment contains proper and functioning anti-backsiphoning mechanisms.

Subd. 4. **Cleaning equipment in or near surface water.** A person may not:

- (1) clean fertilizer application equipment in surface waters of the state; or
- (2) fill or clean fertilizer application equipment adjacent to surface waters, ditches, or wells where, because of the slope or other conditions, fertilizers or materials contaminated with fertilizers could enter or contaminate the surface waters, groundwater, or wells, as a result of overflow, leakage, or other causes.

Subd. 5. **Fertilizer, rinsate, and container disposal.** A person may only dispose of fertilizer, rinsate, and fertilizer containers in accordance with this chapter. The manner of disposal must not cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

**History:** 1989 c 326 art 6 s 10; 1990 c 391 art 10 s 3; 2000 c 477 s 13,14; 2017 c 40 art 1 s 121