

Lime Spreader Policy

Policy 6.09

Effective July 14, 2015

The purpose of the lime spreader program to promote soil fertility in Muskingum County, and improve the quality of pasture forages, thereby reducing soil erosion. The following policy has been adopted by the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to effectively carry out this program.

The cost of renting the lime spreader is \$75 per week day, or \$100 per weekend (Saturday and Sunday) with a minimum charge of \$75 or \$100, whichever is greater. A deposit is required when the agreement is signed for use of the lime spreader and shall be one-half of the total cost of the planned days, to be used, or a minimum of \$75 or \$100, plus a \$25 cleanup fee **deposit**, with the balance due within 30 days of the completion. The balance due will be based on the number of actual days in the lessee's possession **and if the lime spreader was returned cleaned up (if not cleaned, an additional \$75 will be billed for cleaning)**. **After 30 days, the unpaid balance shall bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum.**

Effective October 1, 2004, the Lessee will be required to show proof of liability insurance with an official Certificate of Insurance. Failure to provide the Certificate of Insurance will terminate any contract for use of the lime spreader.

The unauthorized late return of the lime spreader will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per day late charge. If the Lessee keeps the lime spreader in excess of two days over the return date (without authorization), then that Lessee cannot use the lime spreader for one calendar year following the date of the late return. To receive authorization for the late return of the lime spreader, the Lessee must contact the District staff. The staff, if contacted, can make the decision regarding the extension of the return date for bad weather, breakdowns, etc. The call and their decision will be documented on the office copy of the contract. It is suggested that the Lessee also make note of the call and decision on his/her copy of the contract. The time for which the Lessee may have the lime spreader in his/her possession is based on the number of days requested, plus travel time determined by linear distance. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors with their decision being final. The calculated time of possession for the lime spreader prior to a penalty charge is based on the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Lessee will be responsible for accidental damages to the lime spreader while in their possession. The payment for such damages shall be made to the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District.

A District representative will assist the first-time user in making all adjustments. The repeat user shall make the necessary adjustments unless the service of an SWCD staff member is requested to assist in making the adjustments.

The lime spreader will be transported only during daylight hours and in accordance with the Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws and Ohio Revised Code pertaining to transportation of farm equipment. Anyone towing the lime spreader must have a Reese Hitch or comparable hitch with an 8000 lb. or greater towing weight capacity. **DISTRICT VEHICLES WILL NOT BE USED**

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TO TRANSPORT THE LIME SPREADER except for retrieving said piece of equipment when not returned to the SWCD. **The Lessee is responsible for transportation of the lime spreader from the point of pickup to the farm and back to the original point of pickup. The pickup point is the District Office unless otherwise specified by the District Office.**

NO FERTILIZER OR CHICKEN LITTER WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SOIL WITH THE LIME SPREADER.

The Lessee will clean the lime spreader after use. A cleanup fee of \$25.00 will be paid at the time of application. Upon return of the cleaned lime spreader, \$25.00 will be refunded or credited toward the rental charge. **If the lime spreader is not cleaned up when returned, the Lessee will be charged an additional \$75 for cleanup (for a total of \$100.00).** Any refunds will be issued by District Fund check after approval by the MSWCD Board of Supervisors.

If the lime spreader is used to spread fertilizer or chicken litter, the Lessee cannot use the lime spreader for one calendar year and will be assessed a \$100.00 clean up fee. The Lessee will also grease all fittings following cleanup. The District staff or a qualified dealer will complete preventive maintenance.

A \$25.00 deposit for the locking hitch pin will be paid at the time of application. Upon returned of the working hitch pin, \$25.00 will be refunded or credited towards the rental charge. Any refunds will be issued by District Fund check after approval by the MSWCD Board of Supervisors.

The Lessee shall pull the lime spreader with a 60 horsepower tractor or higher. The Lessee shall not spread lime on slopes greater than 16%.

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