



Maryland Department of Agriculture

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In Touch With...

Maryland's
Agricultural
Inspection and
Enforcement
Agencies

*Where to call with
agricultural and
pollution complaints*



Maryland has specific procedures for addressing cases of water pollution caused by agriculture. The procedures call for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)—which has authority and expertise to identify and take action against water polluters—and the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)—which has the technical expertise to assess farm management practices and address water quality concerns—to jointly handle agricultural pollution complaints.

A progressive approach to individual pollution cases based upon the severity of the situation is used.

Conditions that are likely to pollute or have resulted in inadvertent water pollution from an agricultural activity call for timely, corrective action. Chronic or willful mismanagement of agricultural resources or activities that place wastes, soils or agricultural fertilizers in waters of the state are subject to formal enforcement actions.

Maryland's procedures place the maximum possible emphasis on voluntary, corrective actions by farmers or landowners with assistance by the local soil conservation district or University of Maryland Extension. Following are the departmental contacts for addressing agricultural pollution complaints.

Contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture when conditions exist that are likely to pollute or have resulted in inadvertent water pollution. Examples include erosion problems or questionable manure management practices.

Southern and
Central Maryland
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy.
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-841-5893

Eastern Shore
27722 Nanticoke Road
Unit 2
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-677-0802, ext. 1

Western Maryland
92 Thomas Johnson Dr.
Suite 110
Frederick, MD 21702
301-695-2803, ext. 142

Contact the Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Management Administration when chronic or willful mismanagement of agricultural resources or activities places wastes, soils, or agricultural fertilizers into waters of the state. The failure of a waste storage system falls into this category.

Central Division
1800 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-537-3510

Western Division Frostburg Office
160 South Water Street
Frostburg, MD 21532
301-689-1480

Eastern Division
407 Race Street
Cambridge, MD 21613
410-901-4020

Hagerstown Office
91 Eastern Blvd.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-665-2850

Contact the Maryland Department of the Environment's Land Management Administration to report pollution problems with feedlots/animal feeding operations including Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and Maryland Animal Feeding Operations (MAFOs).

Central Office
1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 610
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-537-4423

Contact Maryland's soil conservation districts for general information on soil erosion and water quality issues.

Allegany	301-777-1747, ext. 3	Harford	410-838-6181, ext. 3
Anne Arundel	410-571-6757	Howard	410-313-0680
Baltimore County	410-527-5920, ext. 3	Kent	410-778-5150, ext. 3
Calvert	410-535-1521, ext. 3	Montgomery	301-590-2855
Caroline	410-479-1202, ext. 3	Prince George's	301-574-5162, ext. 3
Carroll	410-848-8200, ext. 3	Queen Anne's	410-758-3136, ext. 3
Catoctin	301-695-2803, ext. 3	St. Mary's	301-475-8402, ext. 3
Cecil	410-398-4411, ext. 3	Somerset	410-651-0370, ext. 3
Charles	301-934-9588, ext. 3	Talbot	410-822-1577, ext. 3
Dorchester	410-228-3733, ext. 3	Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Frederick	301-695-2803, ext. 3	Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Garrett	301-334-6950, ext. 3	Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3