

United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Montana

**Operation and Maintenance Guide  
For Your  
Waterspreading System**

Operator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_, T. \_\_\_\_\_, R. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*A properly operated and maintained waterspreading system is an asset to your operation. This system was designed and installed as a permanent addition to your operation. The estimated life span of the installation is at least 20 years and can be assured and usually increased by carrying out the following recommendations. This checklist is provided for your convenience in order to help you develop a good operation and maintenance plan.*

**OPERATION CHECKLIST**

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- r In the fall, check all gates, flashboards, and adjustable weirs to make sure they are functioning and in the proper position.
- r At the start of runoff, visit the system and make sure all pipes, ditches and structures are unobstructed and functioning properly.
- r Watch the waterspread area and estimate when the soil profile has been filled. Shut off or divert the water.

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