

Is Your Liquid Fertilizer Equipment Winter Ready?

WINTER PREPARATION & STORAGE CHECKLIST

Protect your liquid fertilizer investment, prevent freeze damage and keep your equipment ready for spring.



Bulk Storage Tanks


Tow-Behind Liquid Cart


Seed Drill


Liquid Fertilizer Manifold

BULK STORAGE TANKS

- ✓ Leave 15–20% room at the top for product expansion
- ✓ Keep tank vents clear and unobstructed
- ✓ Check and close valves, sumps and unused outlets
- ✓ Inspect tanks, fittings and seals for leaks or wear

SPRAYERS & APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Clean and flush equipment according to the product label
- ✓ Drain sumps, manifolds and low points completely
- ✓ Remove or protect sensitive components (pumps, strainers, flow meters and hoses) from freezing
- ✓ Follow manufacturer recommendations for winter storage

TOW-BEHIND LIQUID CART

- ✓ Empty and clean the cart and plumbing system
- ✓ Drain all hoses, manifolds and metering components
- ✓ Inspect hoses, fittings and valves; repair or replace as needed
- ✓ Store in a sheltered area when possible

SEED DRILLS & MANIFOLDS

- ✓ Drain and flush the liquid system after the season
- ✓ Ensure all valves, lines and manifolds are empty and dry
- ✓ Store equipment indoors if possible
- ✓ If stored outdoors, wrap each manifold section in black garbage bags to eliminate UV exposure and mitigate UV degradation of the plastic manifold pieces.

SPRING STARTUP TIP

Before spring seeding, circulate product in all tanks to ensure a consistent blend. Inspect and test tanks, plumbing and application equipment before returning to the field.

Winterization requirements vary by fertilizer formulation, equipment type and storage conditions. Always follow product supplier and equipment manufacturrer recommendations.

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