



Illinois Manure Share Program

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The program potentially works 2 ways: If you want to be on one of the two lists, and be visible to others so they can contact you, registration only takes a few moments to fill out. Registration is not required - users can look at or print either list without being registered.

IF You: Want Manure/Compost:

- 1) **Go to the Manure Share website and click on "I Want Manure"**: Choose State first, then either click on Search icon to get all listings for that state or select a county within that state to get only that counties listing.
- 2) **What do you want**: Review the list to find the farm that most closely meets your needs (type of bedding, loading assistance, etc.) Information on the list is provided by the users about what they have, delivery possibilities, with or without bedding materials, compost or fresh manure, etc.
- 3) **Manure Mechanics**: Decide how much manure you need. Decide how you can haul it safely and cleanly. Make arrangements to have a pick-up or other vehicle available, if delivery is not available.
- 4) **Arranging a Pick-up time**: Contact the farm (some prefer e-mail, some phone) to double check the details and arrange day and time for you to pick up or they to deliver. Contact information is provided so you can contact them to work out the details.
- 5) **Fresh Manure**: Handling fresh manure can have some serious health concerns for humans, environmental and negative consequences for crops, plants, flowers, shrubs, etc. Check out [????????????????](#)
- 6) **Composting the Manure**: If you are obtaining fresh manure with the intent of composting it - please visit [????????????????](#) for information, references, and tips on composting manure. There are risks to you and your garden if the manure is not composted. Your Extension Office has numerous resources available to help you start composting and using manure in home compost systems
- 7) **Using the Compost**: Once the manure is composted, use it in your gardens and landscape as recommended by University of Illinois Extension - [????????????????](#).

If You: Have Excess Manure/Compost:

- 1) **Go to the Manure Share website and click on "I Have Manure Available":**
Choose State first, then either click on Search icon to get all listings for that state or select a county within that state to get only that counties listing.
- 2) **What do you want:** Review the list to find the listing that most closely meets what you have (type of bedding, loading assistance, distance, etc.) Information on the list is provided by the users about what they want, delivery possibilities, with or without bedding materials, compost or fresh manure, etc.
- 3) **Arranging Delivery or Pick-up time:** Contact the person on the listing (some prefer e-mail, some phone) to obtain information on where and when you can deliver (or they can pick up) the manure or compost. Contact information is provided so you can contact them to work out the details.
- 4) **Composting the Manure.** Participating livestock owners are encouraged to fully compost their manure. However, some farms may have only fresh manure available. It is likely that more people will be interested in good compost rather than fresh manure. Your Extension Office has numerous resources available to help you start composting and using manure in home compost systems - visit ????????????????????????

Visit <http://www.ManureShare.illinois.edu>