

**Tygarts Valley Conservation District
Ag Enhancement and Chesapeake Bay Program Application Form 2019**

Sign-ups Start: February 25 – March 7, 2019

Practice must be completed within 60 days of approval

Applicant Information
Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Application Date:
NMP Planner:

Farm Information
Conservation District: Tygarts Valley
County:
Farm Name:
Farm #
Tract #
Field #
NMP Expiration:

Best Management Practice (BMP) applied for:

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount Applied For:
Litter Transfer Program	Max of 100 Tons	50% of Litter/Trucking cost NOT TO EXCEED \$16/ Ton	_____ Acres _____ Tons

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

A. Definition: To improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay area by transporting poultry litter out of the Potomac Valley and onto agricultural land in the Tygarts Valley.

B. Description, Purpose and Policy

1. Cost-share payments are provided for removal of excess litter from the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
2. Applicant must have current **Nutrient Management Plan (within 3 years) at time of application and/or approval**. If applicant does not have a Nutrient Management Plan they must arrange for a plan to be drawn up prior to the district's approval deadline March 25, 2019.
3. Current (within 3 years) **soil tests** must be submitted to be eligible for consideration for the program.
4. Applicant will also need to supply a **Soil Survey map** of the property. (District technician can get a copy)
5. Each application must also have an **aerial farm map** from the USDA, with individual field acreages labeled.
6. A **certified scales weight ticket** for each load transferred out of the watershed is required.
7. Producer of litter are required to have a current litter analysis; a copy of this analysis **must** be submitted with receipts to be reimbursed.
 - a. *This test will enable the receiving farmer to apply litter at recommended rates and according to a nutrient management plan. It can also be used to determine the value of the litter. Sending operation may already have a current analysis on hand (within the past 12 months). If not, free analysis is available through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in Moorefield, WV: (304) 538-2397.*

8. **Litter that is not immediately land applied must be stored properly.** Litter should be stockpiled and covered with an impermeable barrier within three days of delivery. A litter storage area that provides adequate storage capacity and does not pose undue environmental risks to water quality should be predetermined prior to receiving shipment of poultry litter. Storage sites for the litter may be utilized if the slope is not greater than 7% and the site is 100 feet from surface water, intermittent drainage, wells, sinkholes or property boundaries.
9. A safe delivery site must be provided to reduce the risk of dump trailers upsetting. It is the purchaser's responsibility to communicate with the delivery driver to ensure adequate access and a safe off-loading situation. Again, **litter must not be dumped near streams, surface water, drainage ditches, sinkholes, wells, and springs or in an area that could impact water quality.**
10. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
11. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
12. If applicable, NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
13. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
14. Practices must be completed by agreement deadline.
15. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowable.

C. Payment rates & limits:

1. Cost-share is provided at 50% of litter and trucking cost not to exceed \$16.00 per ton incentive to encourage transport of excess litter out of the Chesapeake Bay watershed
2. Maximum payment will be for up to 100 tons of litter, **per Applicant/Farm.**
3. The 100-ton maximum is set so that the applicant may spread litter on approximately 50 acres. Average analysis for the litter is 54 lbs. of Nitrogen per ton. *WVDA 2016*
4. Up to 18 applicants will be funded. If funding remains additional contracts may be rewarded in the Spring of 2019.
5. **ALL LITTER MUST BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE POTOMAC VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT!** (Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, and Hampshire Counties)
6. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and the TVCD board has made approvals.
7. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by the project deadline at **4:00 p.m. No extensions will be given.**
8. Total reimbursement will not exceed total cost based on receipts submitted. Program funds must be matched 1:1 by the applicant. Tygarts Valley has capped the maximum reimbursement per ton for this program at \$16.00/ton.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____