

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY

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BIOSOLIDS- QUICK FACTS

Biosolids are not raw sewage.

Biosolids must meet quality standards prior to land application.

Land application of biosolids is regulated by DEP.

Treatment facilities and application sites are inspected by DEP staff to ensure compliance.

Biosolids: Biosolids are the nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of sewage sludge. Biosolids can be applied to agricultural fields as fertilizer to improve soils and stimulate plant growth. The application of biosolids is regulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to ensure the material is treated properly and is then safely applied to agricultural areas. Biosolids must meet specific quality criteria before land application. Biosolids, other than landscape-grade, may not be applied to farmland, forests, or mine reclamation sites that are within 100 feet of a stream; within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling or water source; within 11 inches of a seasonal high water table; or within 3.3 feet of the regional groundwater table.

What about the Farmers Right to Farm?

What about using organic verses chemical fertilizers?

What about Lowering a Community's Carbon Footprint by locally applying Biosolids?

How Many On-lot Septic Systems pose a threat to water sources?