

Are you thinking of applying biosolids/ treated sewage sludge?

Depending on your particular situation, biosolids may or may not be for you. San Luis Obispo County is creating an ordinance to provide local control and oversight of biosolids land application in San Luis Obispo County. We highly recommend adhering to the protective measures the proposed ordinance will include even if you do not fall under county jurisdiction.

The protective measures include prohibiting biosolids application to any land that

- ❑ has regular public access,
- ❑ grows particular crops, or
- ❑ contains sensitive ecological criteria, or
- ❑ is within close proximity to one of the prohibited areas.

This includes

- ❖ housing developments,
- ❖ schools,
- ❖ parks,
- ❖ golf courses,
- ❖ cemeteries,
- ❖ hospitals,
- ❖ other places of public assembly,
- ❖ recreational facilities or
- ❖ other sensitive lands.

Other site prohibitions include

- ❖ surface waters,
- ❖ drainage courses,
- ❖ wetlands,
- ❖ waterways and floodways,
- ❖ areas subject to gully erosion or washout off the site,
- ❖ steep slopes, and
- ❖ sites located in the Coastal Zone.

If you're thinking of applying biosolids to an agricultural area that does not contain any of the restrictions listed above, please call the San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Division at (805) 781-5544 for more information about necessary requirements and permits.

For more information, visit the San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health website at www.slocounty.ca.gov/ehs or call (805) 781-5544.

