The Nitrates Directive promotes good agricultural practices in nutrient management. To avoid damaging the environment, apply the correct amount of nutrients for each crop. Apply nutrients only in periods of crop growth under suitable climactic conditions. Avoid applying nutrients during periods of heavy rainfall or on frozen ground, which causes loss of nutrients into the environment.

- Safe and secure manure storage prevents water pollution from run-off and leaching into ground and surface water.
- Buffer zones protect waters from run-off from the application of fertilizers.