

You have the Skagit Conservation District manure spreader and trailer in your driveway and you're ready to spread some manure. Here are the steps to unload and load the manure spreader.



Unload from large trailer

1. Make sure the trailer is located in a spot where the spreader can be rolled off clearly.
2. Lower and secure stabilizing feet on back of trailer.
3. Remove ramps from under the rear of trailer and place on bars on back of trailer (push to widest possible spread).
4. Remove hold down straps over spreader.
5. Loosen the winch in the front to get slack on the front loading strap.
6. Remove holding pin.
7. Guide spreader off trailer (leave the jack engaged to act as a ski). It is often easier (and safer) to stand on trailer and hold strap. The winch spins fast and hurts when it hits you.
8. Once spreader is off trailer, release front strap and maneuver the manure spreader into position by hand.
9. Attach manure spreader to tractor/truck and follow "User Instructions" to spread the manure.

Load manure spreader back onto large trailer

1. Wash spreader before loading onto trailer. 😊
2. Put jack stand down.
3. Detach the spreader from your tractor. (Don't forget that the pin and cotter pin go with the spreader.)
4. Make sure ramps (from under large trailer) are still in position and that the stabilizing feet are engaged.
5. Align spreader hitch in middle of large trailer.
6. Attach front loading strap (attached to trailer winch).
7. Winch spreader forward until jack stand is almost to the back of the trailer.
8. Go to back of trailer and lift spreader up and pull forward so jack stand is on trailer.
9. Winch trailer up onto trailer.
10. Watch the spreader tires catching on trailer stabilizing feet; you might have to readjust the spreader to get past.
11. Winch trailer up to holding pin location.
12. Watch for spreader tires catching on trailer wheel wells, you might have to readjust spreader to get past.
13. Secure spreader with holding pin and strap across spreader.
14. Replace ramps in their position on the underside of the trailer.

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