

Nutrient Management Plan – Job Aid

Key Steps to completing and managing your NMP

Key Steps-NMP	Checklist	My Next Steps
1. NMP must be produced by a certified individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire a certified consultant ○ Become certified to prepare my own NMP 	
2. Describe field Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slope ○ Soil Type ○ Surface Water ○ Tillable area ○ Tile drained or not ○ Presence or absence of know wells ○ Field sketch 	
3. Quantify and analyze soil and manure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soil – own sample(s) or default values (1st NMP only) ○ Manure – own sample(s) (optional) or databank 	
4. Describe cropping practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop rotation ○ Expected planting & harvest dates ○ Expected crop yields ○ Previous year’s crops ○ Keep records for annual review and update 	
5. Develop and describe application practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of commercial fertilizer ○ Nutrients (type and form) ○ Expected application dates ○ Application method ○ Timing for incorporation ○ Application frequency ○ Rates & calibration ○ Setbacks ○ Agronomic and crop removal balances 	

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6. Describe in detail land base information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adequate land base for application ○ Transfer option Broker option ○ Broker option 	
7. Preparing and verifying all documentation in your NMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contingency plan (if no NMS exists) ○ Sign off form (if no NMS exists) ○ Complete all components of an NMP ○ Records for annual review and update 	
8. Approval by OMAFRA when required		

MANAGING YOUR NMP	NOTES	My Next Steps
1. Manage your operation in accordance with your NMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vegetated Buffers ○ Set backs 	
2. Keep thorough and accurate records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note implementation of the contingency plan ○ Note change in cropping plan 	
3. Annual Review and 5-year Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of year's activities must be completed by February 15 of the following year ○ Plan must be renewed every 5 	

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