**BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE**

**Limits to Fall Fertilizer Application**

A law limiting fall fertilizer application would prohibit agricultural operations from applying nitrogen fertilizers between locally-appropriate dates based on local climate conditions and average soil temperatures.

**WHY WE NEED BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE**

Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy has failed to reduce fertilizer pollution in Iowa waterbodies. Decades of inadequate progress show regulation is the only way Iowa will reach its fertilizer pollution reduction goals.

**WHICH STATES ALREADY REQUIRE IT**

Maryland, Nebraska, and Wisconsin restrict fall fertilizer application to protect water quality.

**READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE**

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