

1. INTRODUCTION

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These guidelines describe management systems and practices that will reduce the risk of pollution from horticulture operations. They establish acceptable farming practices for horticulture producers in Newfoundland and Labrador. The objectives of these guidelines are:

- ! to assist horticulture producers in their efforts to prevent pollution;
- ! to provide a standard that may be used by industry and government in determining normal, acceptable farming practice;
- ! to provide local governments with a basis for evaluation of horticultural operations; and,
- ! to provide information to the general public and government officials who evaluate horticultural operations for their potential effects on the surrounding area.

These guidelines are not legislated. They merely provide the horticultural industry with various options for managing their operations in an environmentally sound manner.

As technological changes occur, revisions of the Guidelines will be necessary periodically. Your comments on this publication and future revisions are encouraged. Contact the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods, Agrifoods Branch, at 709-637-2082, for inquiries.

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