



## Washington County Conservation District

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### **AERATOR GUIDELINES** **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

#### **General:**

This aerator was purchased by the Washington County Conservation District to encourage and promote better infiltration in pastures and cropland. The aerator is a pull type with a working width of 8 feet. The aerator requires a **minimum tractor horsepower requirement of 65hp** with enough ballast to handle the aerator on hills. Please take care of the aerator as if it was your own. You will be responsible for any careless misuse or abuse of the machine. **Careless use or abuse will prohibit you from using the aerator and any other WCCD rental equipment in the future.**

#### **2025 Rental Cost:**

The district offers a weekday rental (pickup Monday afternoon and return Thursday) or a weekend rental (pickup Friday and return Monday Morning).

The weekday and weekend rental rates are \$150.00.

**Make checks payable to: Washington County Conservation District.**

Payment is due at the time of pickup of the aerator from the district office.

You must complete the aerator request form and submit it to the district to get on the schedule for the aerator use.

For any reason that your check is returned to us you will be charged a \$25 returned check fee plus any charges due from the bank that the District is assessed.

#### **Scheduling:**

Due to high demand, please try to schedule early.

Aerator Request Form can be obtained from the District website ([www.pawccd.org](http://www.pawccd.org)) under the Ag Division section or by calling the Washington County Conservation District at 724-705-7098.

Scheduling is done on a first come first serve basis. **We cannot guarantee that the aerator will be available on the days that you requested.**

We will notify you when the aerator is ready to pick up and **each operator is responsible for pick up and return to the District Office.** Due to changes in weather, we will do our best at scheduling you for your chosen dates.

If your field is not ready for aerating, call the District Office. Scheduling could be adjusted to accommodate for the delay.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE AERATOR

### **TRANSPORTING:**

**Movement** of the aerator requires a tractor or truck equipped with a hitch with adequate towing capacity (1/2 ton truck). **You need to provide your own hitch pin.**

**Secure** safety chain and raise hitch stand.

**Aerator** is to be transported with cylinder locks installed.

**Place** the hydraulic hose ends in storage bracket on frame during transport and secure slack hose and warning light wire so they will not rub.

**The maximum on road speed is 25 MPH. No Interstate Hauling.**

**Block** wheels before detaching aerator from truck or tractor.

### **DURING USE:**

Hook the aerator up to the tractor. Connect the hydraulic hoses to the tractor and raise the aerator up. Remove the cylinder lock and secure it on the machine. Lock up the aerator before performing any maintenance or adjustments under machine.

Transport the aerator to the field, lower the aerator to check depth and if the aerator is level. If the aerator is not level, use the provided wrench to back off jam nut off the turnbuckle. Then turn the turnbuckle to level the aerator. Retighten the jam nut once aerator is leveled. If the depth is too deep, install the provide cylinder stops to reduce depth.

Any problems or questions about the aerator, call the district office at 724-705-7098.