

# Take Time to Store Your Planter Properly

Aside from weather, nothing affects financial success of a crop like the way it is planted. Nothing. Even the most carefully applied herbicides and fertilizers can't make a poorly planted crop provide great yields, so if you don't do anything else when you've finished planting, take time to put your planter away properly so it will be ready for next year.

To help guide you through the maze of lubrications, adjustments and checks to be made, Massey-Ferguson's planter engineers have developed the following suggested list:

1. Carefully check over entire planter. Correct any obvious problems. Replace (or order replacements for) worn parts.
2. Clean all ground-engaging parts, apply grease or heavy oil to all polished surfaces to prevent rusting.
3. Empty seed hoppers and clean them thoroughly. Coat moving parts at the bottom of the hoppers with heavy oil.
4. Remove all seed hoppers, planting mechanisms and seed plates and store in a dry place. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for planters that do not use plates.
5. Clean seed tubes thoroughly.
6. Empty fertilizer hoppers and thoroughly clean them inside and out. Coat inside and outside surfaces with oil. Set collars on lift rods to hold openers off the ground.
7. If liquid fertilizer is used, flush tanks well and clean dispensing system thoroughly.
8. Remove and clean herbicide and insecticide dispenser augers and hoppers, but be careful where you dispose of herbicide or insecticide waste.
9. Remove all roller chains and store in a can of light oil.
10. Coat all detachable link chains with oil.
11. Store in a shed or cover with canvas in a protected place. Don't however, let this post-season servicing be the only one your planter gets. Be sure to check it over again next season and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for taking it out of storage. That way you can expect to get all the good service and long life the manufacturer has built into the most important machine you own.



A heavy coating of grease on ground-engaging parts of your planter will protect them from rust while stored between seasons.



All seed hoppers should be emptied completely and thoroughly cleaned before storage. When the cleaning is completed, don't put them back on the planter. Store them in a dry place until next season.

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