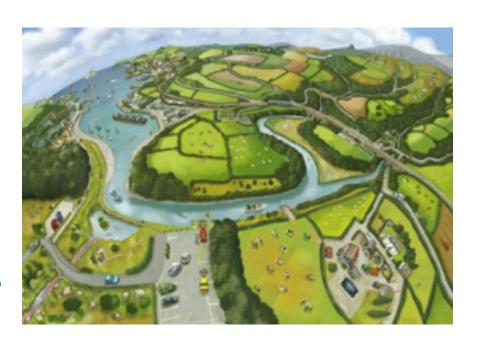


Harvesting Success Pollution Prevention For Farmers

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Introduction

- Diffuse Water Pollution
- Advice on reducing risks
- How will you benefit?
 - Business efficiency
 - Reduced business risks
 - Builds resilience
 - Improve watercourses





Top tips: Yard Drainage

- Roofing areas on yards to reduce rainwater falling on dirty yards.
- Check surface water outfalls for signs of pollution
- Checking drains are clear and running free repair as necessary
- Grants are currently available for;
 - Roofing yards
 - Rainwater harvesting & goods
 - Yard works to reduce pollution risk



Oil Storage

- Oil must be stored in accordance with SSAFO regs (if over 1,500 litres)
- Do not site the tank near drains
- Have spill kits on hand sand or absorbant materials
- Inspect regularly
- Keep filler hose inside bund to catch drips
- Notify EA about new, enlarge or reconstructed stores 14 days before construction



Soils & Cultivation

- Under the Farming Rules for Water, you must take all reasonable precaution to prevent agricultural diffuse pollution from:
 - Application of organic manure and manufactured fertiliser
 - Land management, cultivation practices and harvesting
- Top tips:
- Consider doing a run-off and soil erosion risk assessment
- Examine your soils to assess its structure and condition
- Consider what can be done to improve issues
- Do not travel on or cultivate land when it is wet, as this can create compaction.
- Funding is currently available to carry out a soil management plan, as well as actions to improve soil health



Pesticides

- You must be properly trained to use pesticides refer to HSE code of practice for using plant protection products
- Top tips:
 - Check local sensitive receptors eg; watercourse, SSSIs, abstractors and fisheries
 - Check weather forecast & ensure ground conditions are suitable
 - Funding is currently available for integrated pest management plans; grants are available for pesticide handling areas and biobeds/biofilters

Water Resources

- Abstraction can be from inland freshwaters, rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. Groundwater sources such as wells, boreholes and springs
- ◆ Up to 20m3 (20,000 litres) of water each day can be taken without needing an abstraction licence.
- If you want to abstract water from the same source at multiple points, the exemption from a license only applies in the combined total does not exceed 20m3 per day.
- ◆ You must have an impoundment license if you plan on building a structure can permanently or temporarily change the water level or flow. This includes dams, weirs, fish passes, sluices or reservoir embankments amongst others.



Waste Management

- Keep waste to a minimum by preventing, reusing, recycling or recovering waste (in that order) Sort and store waste safely and securely
- Complete and keep for 2 years a waste transfer note for each load that leaves your premises.
- Check if your waste carrier is registered to carry your waste.
- Ensure that your waste is taken to an appropriately permitted site.
- Waste must be removed from your premises within three years or it is considered an illegal deposit.
- There are exemptions for some low-risk activities including treatment, storage and use of certain waste to enable recycling and reuse of these.
- You may require an Environmental Permit if you cannot comply with the limits of an exemption.

Thank You!

Further Information

Further information is available from: www.gov.uk/guidance/rules-forfarmers-and-land-managers

Catchment Sensitive Farming: www.gov.uk/csf Protecting our Water, Soil and Air (Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers): www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-our-water-soil-and-air

General EA enquiries 03708 506 506 enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Pollution incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

