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[Make sure you are 'Good to Go' this spooky season](#) read our [seasonal blog about preventing food waste](#). (Includes recipes for using pumpkins)

New Legislation



Revocation of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order

On the 1ST October 2018 the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (Revocation and Savings) Order 2018 came into force. This Order makes provision for the early closure of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (“the CRC Scheme”), an emissions trading scheme which began in the UK in 2010.

The current phase, which applies to emissions from relevant energy supplies from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2019, will be the final phase of the CRC Scheme.

Order is amended to the extent it continues to operate for the purpose of the previous phase (which applied to emissions from relevant energy supplies from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2014).

This means that although the CRC Scheme will have ended, there are still some obligations to be met up until 2025.

The Regulations came into force on 1 October 2018

You can read the text in full here

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme \(Revocation and Savings\) Order 2018](#)

Consultations



Scottish Government Consultation: On the Strategic Environmental Assessment for 15 proposed Special Protection Areas

This consultation seeks views on the scenarios, results and conclusions presented in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the network assessment for the classification of 15 proposed Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

The consultation closes on 09 November 2018.

You can find out more and view the consultation documents here:

[Consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for 15 proposed Special Protection Areas](#)

Updates



Multi-agency intervention to 'Drive out waste crime'

SEPA, through its LIFE SMART Waste project, has teamed up with the English, Welsh and Northern Irish environment protection agencies, key enforcement agencies and industry associations to tackle cross-border waste crime.

An awareness-raising campaign, supported by multi-agency road checks and site visits, calls upon industry and the public to take action to prevent the illegal transportation and disposal of waste.

Watch the videos and read more here:
[Multi-agency intervention to 'Drive out waste crime'](#)



SEPA to end exemptions for burning farm plastics

SEPA has announced its next steps to stem the plastic tide by confirming it will end exemptions for burning most types of agricultural waste from **1 January 2019**.

Whilst a change in Scotland's environmental regulations in 2013 meant farmers could continue burning plastics only under an exemption, the agency is moving to reduce the environmental impacts of farm waste.

The photograph shows a large stack of grey plastic bags, likely agricultural waste, in front of a blue corrugated metal building.

SEPA to end exemptions for burning farm plastics

Exemptions for burning most types of agricultural waste, including plastics, will end from 1 January 2019.

The move, which will affect silage wrap, crop covers, fertiliser bags and containers, follows extensive discussions between SEPA and Zero Waste Scotland. SEPA has also worked closely with National Farmers Union (NFU) Scotland to roll out the change which will feature ongoing dialogue with farmers and crofters over the coming months.

Read more here:

Classification and assessment of packaging waste guidance

Trade Associations representing companies operating in the UK chemicals supply chain packaging industry have joined forces to develop [guidance on classification and assessment packaging waste](#).

The document, which is intended to be complementary to WM3 (Waste classification guidance), focuses on waste packaging (containers, ranging from bags, boxes, bottles and tins to kegs, barrels, drums, and IBCs). It includes a flow chart for assessing whether packaging to be taken offsite is waste or not and, if it is waste, whether it is waste packaging or not and whether it should be classified as hazardous or non-hazardous.

You can read the guidance here:

[The assessment and classification of waste packaging](#)

Calling all landlords - Be efficient and plan ahead!

Homes in the private rented sector are some of the least energy efficient in Scotland. To tackle this, the Scottish Government has announced that minimum energy efficiency standards will be introduced for privately rented housing. By March 2025, private rental properties will need to have a minimum EPC rating of Band D.

To help you tackle this, a specialist advisor from Home Energy Scotland can visit your rental property and

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assess what energy efficiency improvements you could make. You will get a free tailored report which outlines the recommended measures, the cost of making improvements, information about funding and potential carbon and financial savings. The specialist will talk you through the report and help you decide what's right for you.

Alternatively, you can call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282 to get free, impartial advice and find out what funding you're eligible. You can also email: advice@sc.homenergyscotland.org

Events



Circular Economy Means Business

When: 8 November 2018, 10:00 - 12:00.

Where: The Enterprise Hub, 1 Falkland Gate, Glenrothes, KY7 5NS

As part of Fife Business Week, Anderson Swan Hunter Ltd (ASH) are hosting a FREE event in conjunction with Green Business Fife (GBF) to explain what is meant by adopting Circular Economy principles to make businesses more innovative and sustainable. At the event you will learn about Circular Economy, Lifecycle Assessment, Resource

Efficiency and Natural Capital, how these are interlinked and see examples of circular economy in practice.

By then end of the session, you will have a better understanding of the terminology used and how to apply these principles to your business model.

Read more or register here:

[Circular Economy Means Business](#)



Do you struggle to keep up to date with the **sustainability support and funding** available to businesses in Scotland? To help provide your clients with the best possible service, you are invited to **attend a workshop** providing a full overview of Scottish Government sustainability support and funding.

Who should attend?

Anyone who provides a support service to businesses should attend. **If you have any colleagues you consider would benefit from attending a workshop, please forward this event information.**

Workshop details

Workshops will take place between 9.30am and 2pm at the following locations across Scotland and will included a networking lunch.

- 7 November 2018 - Philipburn House Hotel, Linglie Road, Selkirk
- 8 November 2018 - Energy Saving Trust, 94 Ocean Drive, Edinburgh
- 15 November 2018 - Codebase, 8-10 Corn Exchange Road, Stirling
- 21 November 2018 - Highlands & Enterprise, an Lochran, 10 Inverness Campus, Inverness

- 23 November 2018 - Scottish Enterprise, 3 Greenmarket, Dundee

Please register your attendance at your earliest convenience to secure your complimentary place.

If you have any queries or would like to obtain further information, please email lesley.ure@zerowastescotland.org.uk who will be happy to help.

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