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New on NetRegs



A gift of eLearning this Christmas

This December NetRegs are giving users a gift of eLearning courses free for you to use and share. The new eLearning courses, developed by the NetRegs team, include:

All you need to know about your septic tank

In this tool you will learn:

- How to check if you have a septic tank and what type
- Why it is important to manage and maintain your septic tank
- What you can and can't put into one

Agriculture learning courses

Diffuse pollution

The aim of this course is to give you an understanding of the causes, solutions and legal background relating to diffuse pollution from rural land use activities.

Mind the Gap

This course looks at the key minimum distances you must keep from the water environment when carrying out certain on farm activities.

Fertiliser storage and application

This course looks at the rules for the storage and application of fertiliser on farms.

Cultivation

This short course looks at the rules you must follow when cultivating land.

Keeping Livestock

This course looks at the rules relating to Livestock and identifies your responsibilities.

All of our eLearning courses are FREE to use.

[Login or Register to the e-learning here >>>](#)

Consultations



SEPA Consultation: Non-hazardous landfill permit consultation

As part of SEPA's work to deliver [One Planet Prosperity](#), SEPA have committed to simplifying permits across all sectors. The [landfill sector plan](#) published in November 2018 further commits to developing landfill permits with clearer obligations. The first of the landfill permits has now been completed – a simple, outcome-based permit for non-hazardous landfills.

In this consultation, SEPA will introduce you to the principles of their permit reform process, outline the key changes to the non-hazardous landfill permit and SEPA's regulatory approach, and finally, provide you with an opportunity to provide feedback on key areas.

The consultation closes on 28 February 2020

[Read more here >>>](#)

Updates

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The 2020 refrigeration F-gas ban

From 01 January 2020 the refrigeration F-gas ban comes into force.



The ban will affect small to medium sized shop premises who use or own some commercial refrigeration units that contain F-gases. F-gases are commonly used as the coolant in fridges and freezers.

Read the guidance on the NetRegs website to learn:

- how to find out if you are affected by the ban
- what is banned
- what the ban will mean for your business

[Read more here >>>](#)

Save money and energy over the festive period with this handy Christmas shutdown checklist



Leaving equipment running when it's not needed wastes energy and money at any time of year. But leaving equipment on throughout the Christmas holiday period when no one is at work can send your energy bills soaring needlessly high.

The good news is that Resource Efficient Scotland's free Christmas shutdown checklist gives you a handy reminder of all the actions you should take to make sure your business is not wasting resources this Christmas.

By scheduling in a little time to do some final checks you can relax in the knowledge that you're not wasting energy or money, and that you'll be doing your bit for the environment.

So be prepared and download your FREE checklist [here](#).

Need a New Year's Resolution? Make a commitment to the Scottish Business Pledge.



The Scottish Business Pledge is a values-led partnership between Government and business that is based on boosting productivity and competitiveness through fairness, equality and sustainable

employment.

A commitment is voluntary and free to make.

[Read more here >>>](#)

'Smarter waste regulation and pollution crime enforcement' conference, Brussels (12-14 November 2019)

Environmental regulators, enforcement specialists, policy experts and industry representatives assembled in Brussels during November for the 'Smarter waste regulation and pollution crime enforcement' conference hosted by the LIFE SMART Waste project and INTERPOL PCWG.

Find out more about the conference and watch videos of conference presentations in the latest [LIFE SMART Waste project e-newsletter \(December 2019\)](#) or contact us: lifsmartwaste@sepa.org.uk.



Events



Events House building waste minimisation, management, Duty of Care & best practice



When: Thursday 20 February 2020, 10:00 – 15:00

Where: The Barracks, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ

A free information event relating to Duty of Care, Site Waste Management Planning, low carbon material choice, planning and house design.

This event is aimed at individuals representing any business or public sector organisation involved in the housing construction industry supply chain in Scotland.

[Register for free here >>>](#)

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