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New on NetRegs



NEW E-LEARNING ON NETREGS

A gift of eLearning this Christmas

NetRegs have published a new elearning course on septic tanks.-

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

The NetRegs eLearning courses are FREE to use.

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

Consultations



Deadline extended for debate on Northern Ireland's first ever Environment Strategy

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has extended the deadline for responses to its discussion paper on Northern Ireland's first ever Environment Strategy. The Department has received more than 800 responses so far.

The new closing date is now Wednesday 5 February 2020.

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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

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Protocol on the recovery of costs under the Environmental Liability (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (NI) 2009

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published a protocol setting out the Environment, Marine and



Fisheries Group's approach, as the enforcing authority, for recovering all reasonable costs incurred;

- in the prevention of environmental damage
- in preventing further environmental damage
- in the assessment of environmental damage, and/or
- in the undertaking of remedial action where EMFG has assessed environmental damage has occurred.

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Guidance on Management of Waste Domestic Heating Oil Tanks



The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has identified the regular misclassification of uncleaned waste domestic heating oil tanks (i.e. those which are contaminated with kerosene and/or other hazardous residues), as an issue of concern. From the 1st January 2020 all 'uncleaned' waste domestic heating oil tanks, contaminated with visible residues of kerosene, will be deemed hazardous waste and must be dealt with accordingly.

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