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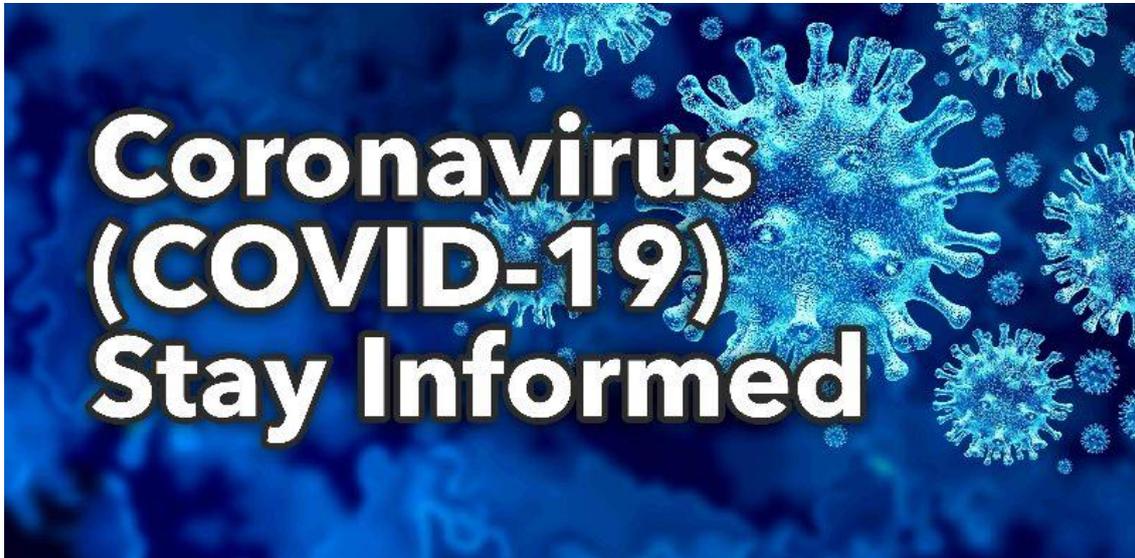


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(COVID-19) Stay Informed



Covid-19 guidance and sources of support

There are a number of sources of guidance for the current situation, including:

Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

See the UK government instructions and guidance related to the Covid-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

DAERA and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

See information from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/landing-pages/daera-and-covid-19>

New Legislation



The Cleaner Road Transport Vehicles (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

This Instrument uses powers in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("the Withdrawal Act") to correct deficiencies in EU-derived legislation that regulates the environmental impact of public sector and utilities' procurement of vehicles. This will ensure that the legal framework that regulates relevant public procurement of vehicles continues to function correctly at the end of the transition period.

The Regulations come into force on 31 December 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultation



Discussion on the "Future Recycling and Separate Collection of Waste of a Household Nature in Northern Ireland"

The Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking views on a public discussion document on the “Future Recycling and Separation of Waste of a Household Nature in Northern Ireland”. The document sets out the current position of recycling in Northern Ireland, and the current and new regulatory, climate change and market drivers that will influence policy in the future.

The consultation closes on 04 October 2020 at 23:59.

[Read more and respond here >>>](#)

Updates

NIEA – Proper Use of Drains Leaflet

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has published a handy leaflet on what you can do to avoid pollution, by the proper use of drains.

[Read more here >>>](#)



How to report an incident or damage in relation to the environment or countryside



The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has published guidance to inform the public on how to report:

- Water pollution incidents
- Cross-Compliance incidents of damage to the environment or countryside

The guidance details the types of incidents that the NIEA deals with, together with the information that it requires.

[Read the Guidance here >>>](#)

Response to Consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland



The EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation came into force in 2015. For widely spread species of Union concern, the Regulation requires effective management measures to be put in place, so that their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and, where applicable, on human health or the economy are minimised. Management measures consist of lethal or non-lethal, physical, chemical or biological actions aimed at eradication, population control and containment of a population of species of Union concern.

On the 11 September 2019, the Department launched a consultation on, 'Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland.', seeking views from stakeholders.

The synopsis of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs response to the consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland [can be read here >>>](#)

GOV.UK Guidance:

Letters to businesses in Northern Ireland about new processes for moving goods from 1 January 2021

GOV.UK have published HMRC letters sent to VAT-registered businesses in Northern Ireland highlighting actions they need to take to prepare for new processes for moving goods under the Northern Ireland Protocol from 1 January 2021.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Help and support if your business trades with the EU



From 1 January the way we trade with the EU will change. To buy or sell from the EU you will need to follow new customs rules or you will not be able to continue to trade. These important actions are required regardless of the outcome of negotiations with the EU and whether or not the government secures a Free Trade Agreement.

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