

Agricultural Waste - Your Obligations

This wall chart shows you when the new agricultural waste controls come into effect, over the next 12 months

	Farm tips/dumps	Burning	Exemptions	Duty of Care	Registration of Waste Carriers	Hazardous Waste
Before Start Date	<p>S Stop using your farm tips/dumps.</p>					
Start Date 31st July 2006	<p>! If you keep using your tip on or after 31st July 2006 you will need a permit. This will be very expensive and we don't think it's a realistic option for farmers.</p> <p>! Even if you just want to close down your tip, if you've used it after the 31st July 2006 you have to close it down according to the Landfill Regulations – also an expensive option.</p>	<p>S From 31st July 2006 you should stop burning waste that can give rise to pollution of the environment or harm to human health. Examples of the waste you can no longer burn in the open would include plastic and tyres.</p> <p>i You'll be able to burn plant waste and untreated timber but you'll need to register an exemption by 31st July 2007 (see next column 'Exemptions').</p>	<p>i An exemption is when you don't need a waste management licence to do something.</p> <p>i You have a year to decide what exemptions you need. In the meantime, something called a transitional exemption will apply to agricultural waste activities you did on your farm before 31st July 2006. This exemption applies automatically (you don't have to register for it) but it only applies for the first year. However, you need to make sure that your waste activities do not cause pollution of the environment or harm human health.</p>	<p>i Starts from day one.</p> <p>! Keep your waste securely.</p> <p>! When giving your waste to someone else, check that they are authorised.</p> <p>! When giving your waste to someone else, write a transfer note.</p> <p>! Keep all transfer notes for two years.</p>	<p>You have six months to register as a professional carrier of agricultural waste. You don't have to register if you are only carrying your own agricultural waste.</p>	
Start Date plus 6 months 31st Jan 2007	<p>i Read our Stop tipping, stop burning guidance. Available in the Agricultural Waste Guidance pack, or on the EHS website: www.ehsni.gov.uk</p>	<p>i You'll be able to use a drum incinerator for 12 months to burn cleaned polyethylene containers. Make sure you don't pollute the environment or harm human health (eg. dark smoke) when using your drum incinerator.</p> <p>S From 31st July 2007 you should stop using your drum incinerator to burn cleaned polyethylene containers.</p>	<p>i To help you run your farm you may wish to register some exemptions.</p> <p>i You can register these exemptions with the Environment & Heritage Service at any time during the first year.</p>	<p>i You should also check with the person you are giving the waste to, what they are going to do with it.</p> <p>i Read our Duty of Care guidance. Available in the Agricultural Waste Guidance pack, or on the EHS website: www.ehsni.gov.uk</p>	<p>i You don't have to register if you are carrying your own agricultural waste.</p> <p>i You only have to register if you are carrying agricultural waste professionally (as part of an agricultural waste management business).</p> <p>i You may wish to do this if diversifying into agricultural waste management. It's free, for life and cannot be refused. You can contact EHS to receive an application pack. Tel: (028) 9054 6694</p>	<p>Hazardous waste controls start to apply.</p>
Start Date plus 12 months 31st July 2007		<p>i If you want to burn plant waste and/or untreated timber you should have registered an exemption with the Environment & Heritage Service.</p>	<p>i Transitional exemption finishes. You should have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registered your exemptions; • applied for a waste management licence; or • stopped the activity. 			<p>i Hazardous waste controls do not apply to agricultural waste for twelve months.</p>

Key: **S** Stop **i** Information **!** Warning

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