

waste – you can handle it



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

Key: Stop Warning Information

	Farm tips/dumps	Burning	Exemptions	Duty of care	Registration of waste carriers	Hazardous waste
Before Start Date	Stop using your farm tips/dumps.					
Start Date 15th May 2006	<p> If you keep using your tip on or after 15th May 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 15th May 2006 you have to close it down according to the Landfill Regulations – also an expensive option.</p> <p> Read our Stop tipping, stop burning guidance. Phone 0845 603 3113 for a copy.</p>	<p> From 15th May 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> You'll be able to burn plant waste and untreated timber but you'll need to register an exemption by 15th May 2007 (see next column 'Exemptions').</p> <p> 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> From 15th May 2007 you should stop using your drum incinerator to burn cleaned polyethylene containers.</p>	<p> An exemption is when you don't need a waste management licence to do something.</p> <p> 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 15th May 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> To help you run your farm you may wish to register some exemptions. You can register these exemptions with the Environment Agency at any time during the first year. Call us on 0845 603 3113 to get more information on exemptions.</p> <p> You can register your exemptions through Defra's Whole Farm Approach or by calling us on 0845 603 3113 (Whole Farm Approach only available in England).</p>	<p> 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> The very least you should do is ask the person you are giving the waste to what they are going to do with it.</p> <p> Read our Duty of Care guidance. Phone 0845 603 3113 for a copy.</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> <p> You don't have to register if you are carrying your own agricultural waste.</p> <p> You only have to register if you are carrying agricultural waste professionally (as part of an agricultural waste management business).</p> <p> You may wish to do this if diversifying into agricultural waste management. It's free for life and cannot be refused. Phone us on 0845 603 3113 if you're interested.</p>	<p>Hazardous waste controls do not apply to agricultural waste for twelve months.</p>
Start Date plus 6 months 15th Nov 2006						
Start Date plus 12 months 15th May 2007		<p> If you want to burn plant waste and/or untreated timber you should have registered an exemption with the Environment Agency.</p>	<p> 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> Hazardous waste controls start to apply. Read our guidance note. Get a copy by phoning 0845 603 3113.</p>