

NetRegs

Your guide to environmental law affecting your business

Is asbestos in your building?



Your building could contain asbestos if it was built or refurbished before 2000. Asbestos is highly toxic and carcinogenic so must be handled properly. Read our brand [new asbestos guidance](#) to find out [how to spot it](#) in your building, [who is allowed to handle it](#), and [how to](#)

[dispose of it](#).

Water polluters face tougher laws



New regulations now in force tighten the rules to protect groundwater from pollutants. Check the new categories of 'hazardous substances' and 'non hazardous pollutants' that you must not discharge without consent, which now includes radioactive substances and discharges from septic tanks. If your

business uses potentially polluting substances, [read our water pollution guidance](#) and check you have the right authorisation.

Spread the word

Do you know a business that would benefit from staying informed, saving money and going green with NetRegs updates?

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Meet the NetRegs team at:

Defra and BIS Product Regulations Roadshows

for electrical product importers, manufacturers and retailers on:

2 December (2-4.30) at the City Council, **Cambridge** Guild Hall

14 January (2-4.30) at Electronics Yorkshire, **Leeds**

19 January (2-4.30) at Create Centre South West, **Bristol**

21 January (2-4.30) at Birmingham Science Park, **Aston**

Meet the team in Northern Ireland at

NIEA business seminars on:

Environmental Management Systems, Monday 14 December, at Phoenix

Hazardous waste limits increased in Wales



In Wales, you can now produce up to 500kg, increased from 200kg, of hazardous waste in a year without registering with the Environment Agency. The regulations bring Wales in line with England. You must still follow strict rules on how you store, move and dispose of this waste, so check you're in line with the

law with our hazardous waste guidance.

Have you made your carbon commitment?



If you have at least one half hour electricity meter, you may have to comply with the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme, formerly called the carbon reduction commitment. It comes into affect in April 2010. You may have to cut your carbon emissions and trade allowances. Find out if you're affected with our CRC guidance.

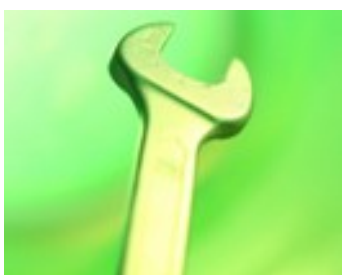
How green is your office?



You're probably clued up about the environmental impact of your main business activities, but what about your office? Or maybe you're fully office-based and aren't sure how your office activities affect the environment? Read our fully updated guidance for offices and you may be surprised to find out how much

you can do to cut waste, save energy and use less resources.

New environmental performance toolkits



Check out the Environment Agency's new toolkit to help you make your business greener. Use the toolkit to plan how you can reduce your environmental impact, manage pollution incidents, comply with your permit, create checklists and train your staff. View the toolkits.

Natural Gas, **Belfast.**

Marine licensing, Monday 18 January, at Belfast Harbour Commissioners Office, **Belfast.**

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Word of the month

Derogation *noun*

Permission to carry out an otherwise banned activity.



Grassland farms to get higher nitrates limits



Farmers with at least 80% grassland may be able to apply more nitrogen from livestock manure to their land than other farms from 1 January 2010. Nitrates are controlled to prevent harmful levels polluting rivers and streams. Find out how to apply for the grassland derogation and more about

nitrogen application limits in [England and Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) .

Has NetRegs helped you?

If you have saved money or cut down on your waste as a result of using NetRegs, we'd like to hear about it. Email news@netregs.gov.uk to share your story.

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