

NetRegs

Your guide to environmental law affecting your business

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Food and drink manufacturers: know your waste



Are you doing the right thing with your waste food, packaging, animal by-products and processing equipment? Our interactive learning tools for businesses in England and Wales take you through how to recycle or dispose of your waste, the paperwork you need to complete, and your duty of care. Check how much you

know with the quizzes at the end of each topic. Tools for Scotland and Northern Ireland are coming soon. [Try the food and drink waste interactive learning tool.](#)

Spread the word

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

[Recommend us to a friend](#)

Do you work in retail or wholesale?

If you have questions about environmental regulations affecting your retail or whole sale business email news@netregs.gov.uk and we'll do our best to answer them in our brand new guidance, due to be published next spring.

Dates for your diary

Meet the NetRegs team in:

[Birmingham](#) at the Business Advice Open Day at Aston Villa Football Club on Wednesday 16 September

Get certified to cool air



If you're in the business of keeping things cool, you now need a company certificate to show you have the right qualifications to handle fluorinated gases (F-gases) in refrigeration and air-conditioning systems. F-gases are powerful greenhouse gases that you must recover and dispose of properly. Certificates are

likely to be required in Northern Ireland by 2011. **Find out more about F-gas qualifications and company certificates.**

Counting the cost of contaminated land



You could be responsible for cleaning up land contamination you caused in the past, even if you no longer own the land. Or if you own contaminated land, but the polluter cannot be found, you could also be responsible for the clean up. Make sure you understand the rules with our **fully updated contaminated land**

guidance, including details of this year's new Environmental Damage Regulations.

WEEE compliance scheme: what you need to do



If you want to run a WEEE producer compliance scheme to arrange for businesses' waste electrical and electronic equipment to be collected, treated and recycled, **read our new WEEE guidance** on how to apply, how schemes work, and what you'll need to do to comply with WEEE regulations.

Bournemouth at the Business Advice Open Day at the Charrington Hotel on Thursday 1 October

In Northern Ireland:

Book your place now for the **NIEA Sustainable Ireland Awards** at the Ramada Hotel **Belfast** on Thursday 17 September.

Register now for the free **Energy and Environment Conference 09** at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast on Wednesday 14 October, and find out how you can profit from new business opportunities in the sustainable energy market.

Term of the month

Global warming potential (GWP) *noun* A measure of how many times more powerful a gas is in contributing to global warming than carbon dioxide (CO₂). CO₂ has a GWP of one.



Are you storing your chemicals safely?



Any chemicals you keep on your premises, including cleaning products, fertilisers and pesticides, glue, paint or bleach, must be stored and handled carefully so they don't cause pollution. [Read our brand new guidance on how to keep and handle chemicals safely to prevent harmful spills.](#)

Turning fat into fuel: new guidance



It is now easier to make biodiesel from cooking oil and animal fats, thanks to a new quality protocol from the Environment Agency and WRAP. The protocol explains how you can use fats and oils without waste management controls to make high quality biodiesel. [Read more on the biofuel](#)

[quality protocol.](#)

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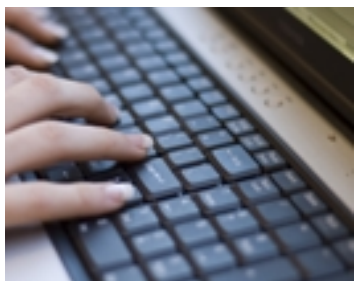
New resource efficiency tool: your help wanted!



The Environment Agency is developing an online resource efficiency tool for businesses like yours in England and Wales and would like you to try it and tell them what you think. It will only take 15-30 minutes and you'll help create a tool that businesses can use to cut waste,

use resources wisely and save money. If you would like to take part in the trial please email Ben Glatt.

Coming soon: Generic operator returns online



If you submit waste returns to the Environment Agency in England and Wales, you will be able to submit them online from October. Look out for our updated guidance next month telling you what you need to do.

Has NetRegs helped you?

If you work in land transport, healthcare or agriculture and have saved money or cut down on your waste as a result of using NetRegs, we're looking for case studies to use in news stories. Email news@netregs.gov.uk to share your story.



'We encourage our suppliers and sub-contractors in their efforts to comply with environmental policy. NetRegs.gov.uk is a valuable tool for assisting with this, by providing free environmental guidance to businesses.' [Andrew Tinkler, CEO Stobart Group](#)

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