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Updates

Waste – Duty of Care Roles and Responsibilities

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has published a short guide to the duty of care responsibilities including advice and information for waste producers, carriers and those accepting, storing and treating waste.

You can read the guidance here: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/waste-duty-care-responsibilities>



McIlveen clarifies position on spreading slurry in exceptional circumstances

Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Michelle McIlveen, said that following concerns raised over recent wet weather, her Department will consider on a case by case basis where - in exceptional circumstances - a farmer has spread slurry beyond the closed period.

You can read more on the [DAERA website](#).



Efficient Farming Cuts Greenhouse Gases Implementation Plan 2016 - 2020

The GHGIP has published its updated 'Efficient Farming Cuts Greenhouse Gases Implementation Plan 2016 - 2020'. The plan is focused on encouraging the implementation of a series of on-farm efficiency measures which can improve farm performance and reduce the carbon intensity of local food production and signposts the support available to facilitate this.

You can view the plan [here](#), or read more on the [DAERA website](#).



The European Week for Waste Reduction (19 - 27 November 2016)

The European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) encourages organisations, businesses, schools, and citizens to take action to raise awareness of how to reduce waste in our society leading to longer term sustainable behaviour.

The aim of the week is to mobilise actions across Europe that promote the three R's: reduce, re-use and recycle. This year the theme across Europe is wasteful packaging.

For more details or to register your action visit the [EWWR website](#).



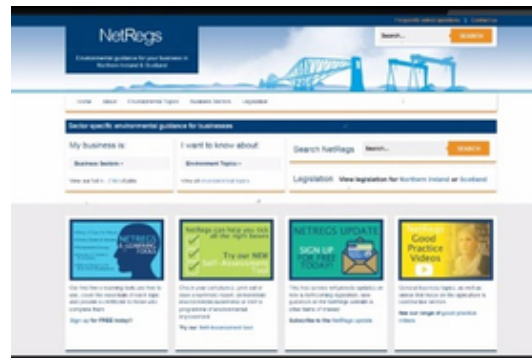
We would like to hear your thoughts on our NEW website

September 2016 saw the launch our new and improved website. Now we want your feedback on the new website.

This very short online survey contains only 8

questions and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. We would really appreciate your views on what you like about the website, what you don't like and ways we can continue to improve the website. We will be analysing the responses and using this to help shape future developments.

Follow the link to complete the survey: [NetRegs website – User feedback](#)



Funding



Supporting People to Support the Environment

The Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has announced the launch of a Challenge Fund for 2016/17.

The application form, guidance notes and frequently asked questions can be found at the following link: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/daera-niea-challenge-fund-201617-application-form-and-guidance>.

You are strongly advised to read all the guidance notes before completing any application.

McIlveen announces £40million Farm Business Improvement Scheme

Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Michelle McIlveen has announced the opening of a £40million capital funding scheme designed to help farmers across Northern Ireland improve their businesses.

The scheme opens on Monday 31 October, 2016.

Read more on the [DAERA website](#).

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