

Storage of chemicals

Spillage, incorrect storage of chemicals and waste materials or unsuitable disposal activities can result in pollutants seeping through the soil. This can cause serious harm to the environment.

Plan your storage so it's designed, sited and maintained to protect the environment.

Flooding

Caravan and camping sites can be particularly vulnerable to flooding. Your business may benefit from you being flood aware, prepared and able to take action.

- You can check your flood risk;
- Sign up for our free Floodline Warnings Direct service;
- Prepare a flood plan.

For more information on these and many other ideas to help you, visit our website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood

or call Floodline on 0845 988 1188

Would you like to find out more about us, or about your environment?

Then call us on

03708 506 506 (Mon–Fri 8–6)

Calls to 03 numbers cost the same as calls to standard geographic numbers (i.e. numbers beginning with 01 or 02).

email

enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

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incident hotline 0800 80 70 60 (24 hrs)

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Caravan and campsite pollution prevention

Guide for operators and owners

This document is out of date and has been withdrawn 15/12/2015

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Good environmental management is good for business. This leaflet provides pollution prevention guidance to help your business understand your responsibilities and avoid pollution incidents.

Many pollution incidents are avoidable and serious offences can lead to prosecutions. Detailed pollution prevention advice and guidance can be found on our website www.environment-agency.gov.uk

The revised Bathing Water Directive, introduced in 2006, significantly changes the way we manage bathing waters.

- It includes a new classification scheme starting in 2015, with tighter standards. The 'Excellent' rating will be approximately twice as stringent as the current guidelines.
- There will be a greater emphasis on public information and beach management, including signs for poor quality bathing waters.

You can find detailed information on each bathing water on our website.

Sewage

Sewage from your caravan site must be disposed of safely to protect public health and the environment and to comply with legislation. You cannot discharge raw sewage directly into a river or stream, surface water drain, the ground or groundwater without permission. Chemical toilets can be used but the effluent must be taken away by tanker or sent to mains sewerage. It is unlikely that you will be able to connect to the foul sewer if you are in a rural location.

Please contact the Environment Agency for advice about your disposal options and legal requirements.

Septic tanks

If you have suitable land to create an effective drainage field, a septic tank system might be most appropriate. A discharge consent is often required for a septic tank. Effluent from a septic tank must have additional treatment before discharging into the water environment. Any septic tank and drainage field system must be located away from surface or ground waters and cannot cause a nuisance to nearby residential properties.

Waste water

Waste water produced on site, such as from showers, washbasins or washing up sinks should be connected to your main camp site sewerage system.



Further information on the treatment of sewage can be found in Pollution Prevention Guidelines 4, available on our website.

Misconnections to surface water

Misconnections to surface water also called wrong connections, are when foul drainage is connected to surface water pipes. Foul discharges into surface water drains cause direct water pollution and can impact on water quality.

The most common misconnections are from washing machines and sinks, but they can include toilets. Property owners and occupiers are responsible for any polluting discharges from their property. In practice this means that we need to work in partnership to address misconnections.

Follow the steps on the ConnectRight website to make sure your plumbing is connected right: www.connectright.org.uk

Site drainage checklist

Do you know?

- If all site drainage (foul and surface water) discharges to main sewer?
- Where does your foul water go?
- Are there any direct discharges to local watercourses/soakaway/land?
- Are your drains/manhole covers clearly marked in red for foul or blue for surface water?
- Are there any obvious misconnections, such as foul going into surface water?