

# **Policy paper: Farming rules for water from April 2018**

*Updated:* More detail has been added, in both documents, on the soil testing rule in relation to Nitrogen levels.

This publication sets out the new 'farming rules for water' we will be introducing from 2 April 2018 for all farmers in England. We have published a simple overview factsheet, together with full details of the rules.

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# **National Statistics: Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics annual report 2016/17**

This report presents information on the quantities of local authority collected municipal waste managed in Northern Ireland. It provides information on the quantities and rates of local authority collected waste arisings, sent for preparing for reuse, for dry recycling, composting, energy recovery and sent to landfill. Some of these measurements are key performance indicators. These are used to assess progress towards achieving waste strategy targets and where appropriate this is highlighted in the tables and charts.

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## **Notice: PE36 5LL, Newcome-Baker Farms Limited: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Newcome-Baker Farms Limited
- Installation name: Whin Close Poultry Farm
- Permit number: EPR/AP3439DZ/V002

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## **Notice: 0X10 6PJ, Grundon Waste Management Limited: environmental permit application advertisement**

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- how you can view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)

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published detailed guidance on how to comply with the rules.

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We published detailed [guidance on the rules](#) on 2 April 2018. The formal rules, the [Reduction and Prevention of Agricultural Diffuse Pollution \(England\) Regulations 2018](#) came into effect on that date.

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