

Herbicide Awareness – Smaller scale users



Over the last five years Anglian Water have been working with our Catchment Farmers to reduce risks to raw water quality.

In that time we have had some real success protecting watercourses together however, although agriculture accounts for ¼ of East Anglia's land area, we have unmasked other users of herbicides (weed killers) that can have an effect on water quality to.

We all need to do our bit to protect local water ways for their multiple uses such as; filling reservoirs for drinking water treatment or irrigating crops, all those habitats and species relying on good quality water plus numerous recreational activities.



Gardens, allotments, horse paddocks and small holdings are all affected by weeds which on occasion may need chemical control.

Farmers continually train to keep up to speed with best practices and seek specialist advice to minimise and control their use of herbicides, in order to grow food for the nation. As a result of an Adas survey (commissioned by Anglian Water) we are now looking to support and educate those other smaller scale herbicide users on best practices to suppress weeds.

The main routes that weed killers are lost to the environment are via drips/spills during filling and mixing of products, application of those products or during rinsing and disposal. **Connectivity is key so if a herbicide is required - stay away from sinks and drains plus take extra care when spraying near a ditch or on a hard surface.**



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Remember always read the labels and if in doubt ask for advice or call the professionals.

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