Protecting Drinking Water from Pesticides

Advice for Gardeners and Household Users

Promoting best practice in the use of pesticides to protect drinking water

**DOs**

- **DO** recycle empty containers in your recycling bin or at a Local Authority Civic Amenity Site. If unsure about any aspect of container disposal, enquire at purchase outlet.
- **DO** dispose of unused product properly at a Civic Amenity Site or at a mobile collection as organised by some Local Authorities. Contact your Local Authority for further details.
- **DO** store all pesticides in a dry, secure location which cannot result in accidental leaks to drains, wells or water courses - and out of children’s reach.
- **DO** read and follow the instructions for use carefully to get the best results.
- **DO** take extra care to prevent entry to drains, particularly if applying pesticides to hard surfaces such as paths or driveways.

**DON'Ts**

- **DON'T** dispose of unused pesticide or rinse water from pesticide containers down a drain or sink. Container washings can be applied to the treated area. Check with your local Civic Amenity Site if you have unused product for disposal.
- **DON'T** apply pesticides if it is raining, if the area being treated is wet, or if rain is forecast.
- **DON'T** use pesticides near drains, wells or water courses such as rivers, streams or lakes.

For further information visit [www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie), [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie) or [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)