Think Water

In the Field

Plan ahead when using pesticides.

- Think where water contamination is most likely to happen;
- Organise work to avoid left over spray and reduce sprayer cleaning;
- Do not spray if
  - ground is waterlogged
  - heavy rain is forecast in the next 3 days
  - ground is frozen

The pesticide may run off into the nearest watercourse!

Avoid spills in transit - Think where they could do most damage.

- When Spraying
  - **Use** low drift nozzles where appropriate
  - **Check** flow rates
  - **Avoid** conditions where spray drift can occur
- Do not overspray buffer zones & watercourses;
- Ensure cleaning activities take place away from watercourses;
- Spray tank washings on to the crop;
- Wash the outside of the sprayer before leaving the field;
- Keep tyres as mud-free as possible; contaminated mud can carry pesticides out of the field.

**EVERY
DROP
SHOULD
GO ON THE
CROP**

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EVERY SPLASH IS A THREAT TO WATER

■ **Use a designated mixing and filling area for pesticides**

- Avoid any spills no matter how small;
- Fill over a collection pit or on ground which will absorb spills;
- Always use induction bowl or closed transfer system when available;
- Avoid hard ground or concrete areas unless bunded;
- Clear up all spills. NEVER wash splashes or spills into drains;
- Have cat litter or other absorbent material close by to mop up spills.

■ **Take water from a storage tank, bowser or mains with a double check valve;**

■ **Never fill near to a watercourse;**

■ **Pressure or triple wash empty containers and drain into the induction bowl;**

■ **Rinse seals and lids (over induction bowl), place the seals in the product box, and put the lids back on the containers. Place containers upright in the box;**

■ **Dispose of the containers by on farm incineration or use a waste disposal contractor;**

■ **Before leaving the mixing area check the sprayer for drips or leaks.**

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