

Oilseed Rape Growers – Think Water This Autumn!

Metazachlor and Quinmerac are fundamental to early season weed control in oilseed rape. However, the frequency and magnitude of concentrations in raw surface water represent a real risk to restrictions being placed on these active ingredients. Time for action is NOW.

EARLY ESTABLISHMENT IS KEY

<h3>Think Best Practice</h3>	<h3>Think Agronomically</h3>	<h3>3. Establishment</h3> <p>Drill oilseed rape from mid-august onwards. Run tramlines across the slope if possible.</p> 
<h4>1. In the farmyard</h4> <p>From sprayer filling spillages, container rinsing, disposal of caps & containers.</p> 	<h4>1. Soil</h4> <p>Ensure good soil structure, remove compaction but don't overwork.</p> 	<h4>4. Apply herbicides</h4> <p>Pre and early post emergence for best performance.</p> 
<h4>2. In the field</h4> <p>Via drift, drainage and run-off.</p> 	<h4>2. Seedbed</h4> <p>Ensure good seed to soil contact. Don't make seed beds too fine but do consolidate.</p> 	<h4>5. Application</h4> <p>Follow stewardship guidelines. Avoid cracked or water logged soils. Monitor weather forecasts.</p> 

METAZACHLOR MATTERS STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES

- Maximum dose rate for winter oilseed rape is 750g/ha
- **Land that is not drained** – no timing restrictions.
- **Drained land** - Avoid applications after **1st October**
- If soil/ seedbed are favourable and drains are not flowing, applications can continue until **15th October**
- **Drained land in Drinking Water Safeguard Zones** – no applications after **1st October**
- Go to www.wiyby.co.uk for zoning details

* Label restrictions still apply

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