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.
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.