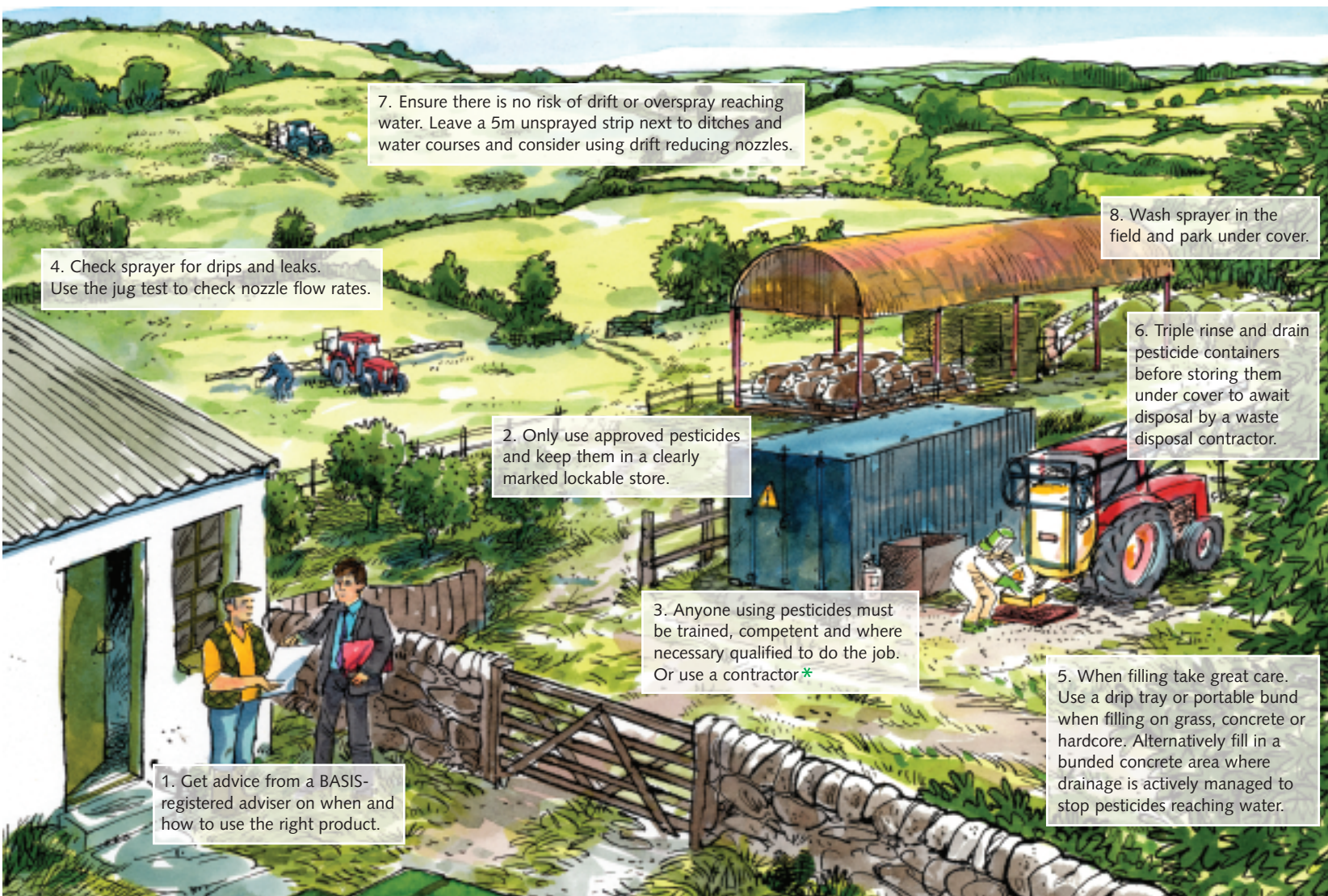


Grassland Sprays

Minute amounts of weedkillers and pesticides can be detected in water and the tiniest of splashes which occur when filling the sprayer can have a big impact. Just one foil seal contains enough pesticide to breach the water quality standards in a 30km stream. Some of the sprays used on grassland are found in water, including compounds such as 2,4-D, 2,4-DB, mecoprop-p, MCPA, MCPB and clopyralid. When these are used correctly, and care is paid to filling and disposal practices, the risks to water will be greatly reduced. Think where you fill and wash the sprayer and make sure there is no chance of any spills, spray or washings reaching water.



Contractors*

Using a contractor can take a lot of the hassle out of spraying BUT Ensure the following first:

- ✓ Operators are qualified and members of NROSO
- ✓ The sprayer has a current NSTS certificate
- ✓ Any filling point used poses no risks to water
- ✓ Containers are cleaned and drained ready for disposal
- ✓ Agree who is responsible for disposal
- ✓ Accurate spray records are promptly supplied

Remember it is still your responsibility to ensure that all regulations are met

- ! Clear up all spills, no matter how small, immediately.
- ! Never wash any spray or spills into farm drains or watercourses.

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'Pesticide' is a very broad definition within the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 which includes herbicides, insecticides, growth regulators, soil sterilants, rodenticides and wood preservatives amongst others.