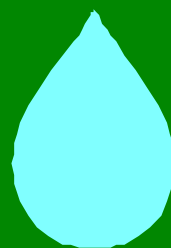


Before Spraying

Pesticide Storage



Key features of Pesticide Storage

Well Sited

- Convenient access for delivery and collection
- Away from ponds, watercourses, wells, boreholes and areas liable to flooding
- Separate from buildings housing: hay, straw, fertiliser, fuel and other combustible materials

Easy to use

- Easy access for the spray operator
- Good lighting so that labels can be read
- Comfortable shelf heights
- Readily accessible shelves made from 'non-absorbent' materials
- Capacity large enough for peak requirements and for rinsed empty containers awaiting disposal
- Well ventilated
- Dry and frost-free
- Containers and their labels protected from sunlight

Secure and safe

- Capable of retaining spills and leaks i.e. bunding
- Lockable
- Exterior marked with general danger warning and "No smoking" or "Smoking and Naked Flames Forbidden" signs
- Proof against theft and vandalism
- Made from fire resistant materials (apart from the roof)
- Safety equipment close at hand
- Lockable cabinets for gassing powders
- Fire Extinguishers to hand

Managed

- Two up-to-date copies of store contents, one in store, one outside and available for emergency services
- Set procedures in place for normal operation, emergencies, spills and disposal
- Trained and informed staff
- Emergency phone numbers on the wall
- Regular inspection (see overleaf for self assessment)
- Advice taken from experts HSE, EA/SEPA/NRW/NIEA, Fire Authorities



More detailed advice on good storage practice is contained in the HSE Guidance Note: Guidance on storing pesticides for farmers and other professional users (AIS 16)

The Voluntary Initiative is a programme of measures agreed by Government to minimise the environmental impact of pesticides.

www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk



Agrochemical Store Management

Use this checklist to conduct an annual self assessment of your store and storage practice:

Tick Box

Stock check

Have you carried out an annual stock check?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the products still approved?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the products still relevant to the crops you grow?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the containers and their labels in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you identified products/batches for early use or disposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you told your staff of these arrangements?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you contacted the disposal contractor (if necessary)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is an up-to-date stock list maintained in a separate location?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Store Management

Stock is rotated to ensure that the products are used on a first-in first-out basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stock is arranged so that liquids are not stored above dry materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Areas for storing different product types (Weedkillers, Fungicides etc) are marked out?	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Flammable" products (e.g. fumigants) are stored in a separate section?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oxidising agents (e.g. sodium chlorate) stored in a separate section away from flammables	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stored products do not block doorways or drain covers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-pesticides (e.g. fertiliser, seeds) are not stored in the same place	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear disposal arrangements for unwanted product, spilt materials and empty containers are set up?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Empty containers are thoroughly rinsed and held in a separate compound?	<input type="checkbox"/>
The store is clean and tidy?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Train and Inform Staff

Staff have been briefed on the normal procedures for using the store and record keeping?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff know the location of Safety Data Sheets?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff have been trained in Emergency procedures and how to handle spills?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on the above is on display at a central point on the farm?	<input type="checkbox"/>
All disposal arrangements are followed?	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following equipment is close at hand?

Protective gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apron	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respirator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Face shield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goggles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coverall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boots	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inert absorbent material/granules (e.g. cat litter or sand)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Assessment Carried out by : _____ Date : _____