

Water

There is legislation governing both the discharge of water from your site and any water you might be taking (abstracting) from rivers or from the ground. Causing polluting of rivers or groundwater is both illegal and costly. You should make sure you comply with pollution prevention legislation and guidance and have plans in place to prevent accidental spills leaving your site.

Discharge

If you release trade effluents to the foul sewer you need to have a trade effluent consent from Severn Trent Water.

The release of anything but clean water from your site to surface or groundwater (including to a soakaway) requires a permit from the Environment Agency. You can apply for a permit through the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Pollution Inventory

The pollution inventory is an annual record of pollution in England and Wales. Companies complete the forms; this information is subsequently collated and provides a valuable resource. The information provides governments with the ability to meet national and international commitments and reporting obligations, as well as providing information to environmental regulators and the public.

[Pollution Inventory Guidelines](#)

Pollution Prevention

The pollution prevention and pollution pays back guidelines provide a good management advice. This includes environmental practise on pollution avoidance and how to deal with accidents.

[Pollution Prevention Guidelines](#)

Abstraction and impounding

Water is a valuable resource in limited supply therefore to abstract or impound water the environment agency enforce a licensing system.

The licenses are assessed in how they impact the local water supply, this ensures there are no water shortages, damage to wildlife or loss of rivers.

Details on how to apply for licenses can be found on the [Environmental Agency's website](#).

Oil storage

It is a legal requirement to ensure that any above-ground oil storage containers (including IBCs, drums and mobile bowsers) with greater than 200 litres capacity are provided with a suitable bund or equivalent secondary containment.

To get more information on waste water please visit the [Environment Agency's website](#).