

Stop every drop



This will help you retain the widest range of parasite treatment products while reducing pollution, preventing prosecution and protecting your *SPS payments*.

What should I do before dipping?

Allow time for problems to be fixed or to make alternative arrangements eg getting a qualified contractor.

Fill the dip bath with water, mark the level, and leave overnight to check for losses. Check the area around the dip bath for leaks.



Check pollution routes to water courses:

- Fill the dip **with water** until it overflows, then follow the flow
- If flow/pollution can get to a watercourse then losses must be blocked, diverted or caught
- All drainage from drip pens must go back into the dip bath
- All drainage from mobile dips must be blocked, diverted or caught, or site the mobile dip in a field with no water courses or land drains
- It may be necessary to use alternative treatments or facilities

How can I legally dispose of any dip?

- Get a groundwater authorisation from your relevant Environment Agency office
- If a contractor treats your sheep and takes used dip to his site, he must have a suitable groundwater authorisation
- If used dip is transferred to a third party, then a transfer note must be completed, obtained from the Environment Agency Waste Helpline 0845 603 3113

Do not dip if rain is forecast within 24 hours, unless you have suitable well ventilated housing to keep the flock in until the dipped sheep are dry.

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What should I do during dipping?

- Make sure that the person who holds the certificate of competence is always present
- Only use authorised products and follow manufacturers' instructions
- Make sure all drips and splashes run back into the dip bath
- Make sure you have absorbent material, eg cat litter, to soak up spills
- Allow each sheep to stand in the dripping area to catch any runoff for at least 10minutes
- Do not return sheep to normal grazing. Put them in a **holding field** next to the pens with a water trough. This field should have no natural watercourses, if it does fence them off from livestock access.

Remember: Movement of wet sheep after dipping can lead to pollution

What should I do after dipping?

- Rinse empty dip containers three times with clean water and empty contents in dip bath
- Empty the dip bath directly after use, eg into a vacuum tanker or bowser designated for dip storage. This means dip can be safely transported and disposed of.
- If you wash down the dipping area make sure you collect the washings in the dip bath and dispose of them via the authorised area this could be the **holding field**, contractor removal or the waste transfer method

Your sheep should now remain in the holding field until dry