

End of the road for on-farm burning

From 1 January 2019, SEPA will enforce the ban on burning most types of agricultural waste on farms. Instead, farmers will be expected to arrange for it to be managed and disposed of legally.

Burning can continue until midnight on 31 December 2018. However, in the lead up to the ban, we will continue to respond to any complaints about nuisance from agricultural burning and may take enforcement action.

The burning of materials such as brash or hedge trimmings can continue, provided an exemption has been registered online and it does not cause pollution or harm human health.

If after written warning there is continued disregard for the regulations SEPA will initiate enforcement action.

Further details can be found at:

www.sepa.org.uk/farmplastics or by calling 03000 99 66 99



The management of farm waste from 1 January 2019

Materials that need to be disposed of off-site:

- Plastics
- Cardboard
- Metal
- Paper
- Glass
- Food waste



Farm waste collected and stored securely on site.
Waste may need to be sorted into waste type for disposal.

Not an option >



The burning and burying of farm waste is not allowed.

Your options



Short haul materials to a local collection centre for onward recycling. You will need to be entered on to SEPA's register Professional Collectors and Transporters of Waste.
www.sepa.org.uk/pctw



Arrange for a collection service to pick up waste materials from farm. Visit: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/resource-management/farm-plastic-recycling for details of local contractors.



If no collection service is available take it to your local transfer station, landfill site or energy from waste incinerator.