

# Stewardship guidelines

Product labels remain unchanged. However, enhanced metaldehyde stewardship guidelines apply to all treatments.

No pellets to be allowed to fall within a minimum of 10 metres of any field boundary or watercourse
Use minimum active per hectare to avoid drainage and run-off losses
Maximum application rate 210g metaldehyde a.s/ha* For additional protection of water, suppliers/BASIS advisors may recommend rates reduced to 160g a.s/ha or less*
Maximum total dose from 1st August to 31st December: 210g metaldehyde a.s/ha* For additional protection of water, suppliers/BASIS advisors may recommend rates reduced to 160g a.s/ha or less*
Maximum total dose rate: 700g metaldehyde a.s/ha/calendar year**
Do not apply when heavy rain is forecast
If drains are flowing do not apply metaldehyde based slug pellets

*\*from any combination of metaldehyde products. \*\*700g is also the statutory limit.  
a.s.: active substance (or active ingredient)*



**The Metaldehyde Stewardship Group represents 100% of the UK agricultural market.**

Adama Agricultural Solutions UK Ltd,  
Certis Europe B.V, Chiltern Farm Chemicals,  
De Sangosse, Lonza and Sharda Cropchem.

The aim of the group is to promote and encourage best practice with metaldehyde slug pellets, to minimise environmental impacts and in particular protect water, birds and small mammals.

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**Operator training and/or assessment**

Lantra Awards - [www.lantra.co.uk](http://www.lantra.co.uk)  
NPTC City & Guilds - [www.nroso.org.uk](http://www.nroso.org.uk)

**Or, contact your distributor**

**Machinery testing**  
National Sprayer Testing Scheme  
[www.nsts.org.uk](http://www.nsts.org.uk)

USE PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS SAFELY. ALWAYS READ THE LABEL AND PRODUCT INFORMATION BEFORE USE.



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# TAKE ACTION NOW

Enhanced stewardship  
for metaldehyde slug pellets





## What's new?

The Metaldehyde Stewardship Group's 'Get Pelletwise' campaign has broadened its remit to include the protection of birds and small mammals, to help preserve the future of metaldehyde based slug pellets.

### Why has the stewardship enhanced?

- △ Metaldehyde products are undergoing a periodic review by the regulatory authorities
- △ The regulatory risk assessment, which forms part of this process, is more rigorous than ever
- △ As a result of this, there is a requirement for heightened protection to birds and small mammals

Enhanced stewardship is a CRD-agreed condition of metaldehyde product availability.

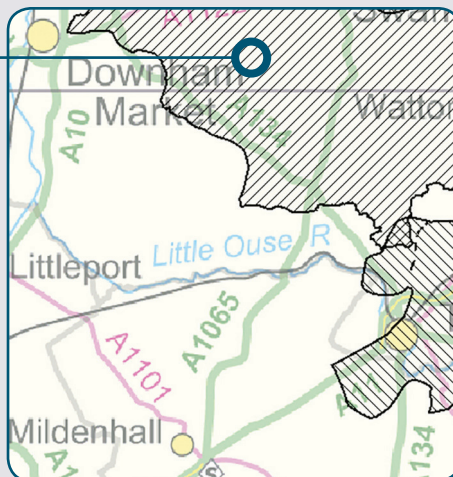
## Remember water stewardship

Water stewardship remains vital and it is more important than ever that the industry works together to stop metaldehyde reaching raw surface water in all areas of the UK, especially in drinking water catchments.

Use: [www.wiyby.co.uk](http://www.wiyby.co.uk) to find out if you are in a high risk area for metaldehyde exceedances in water.

### Priority actions in high risk areas:

- DO NOT** use metaldehyde:  
When soils are at full water holding capacity  
**OR**  
- when heavy rain is forecast
- DO USE** the minimum amount of active per hectare.



## Four steps to stewardship

### STEP 1: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

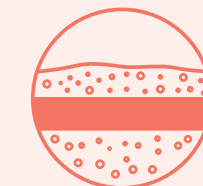
Metaldehyde slug pellets **MUST** only be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programme to help minimise slug infestations and reduce the need for treatment.



For more information  
[www.getpelletwise.co.uk](http://www.getpelletwise.co.uk)  
[www.ahdb.org.uk/slugcontrol](http://www.ahdb.org.uk/slugcontrol)

### STEP 2: THINK field factors

Take a field-by-field approach to assess the risk of metaldehyde reaching watercourses.



**Soil** - is the soil heavy and under-drained?



**Slope** - is the field on a gradient?



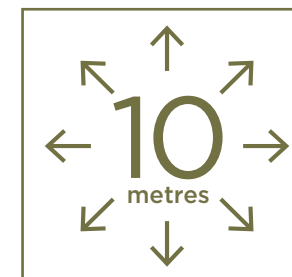
**Stream** - is there a ditch or watercourse in close proximity?

### STEP 3: Follow stewardship guidelines

The 10m buffer guideline is key to protecting birds and small mammals, that tend to feed and breed in hedgerows, and also provides additional protection to water.

See the back page for full MSG guidelines

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### STEP 4: THINK B.I.R.D

Before making metaldehyde applications – stop and THINK:

- Buffer** - 10 metre buffer zone to all field boundaries
- I'm legal** - are you suitably qualified and using equipment that's been tested to the required standard?
- Records** - are all of your records up to date and robust?
- Dose** - are you applying the correct dose according to the label and MSG guidelines restrictions?

