

Nematicides are an essential tool in UK potato production, but they require careful handling to ensure protection of the operator, environment and consumer.

The Nematicide Stewardship Programme (NSP) aims to ensure a best practice approach across all aspects of granular nematicide use, from delivery on-farm and operator handling, machinery calibration and maintenance, through to application and storage.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

The NSP has set out a best practice protocol to help operators use nematicides safely.

For more information take a look at the diagram on the back of this leaflet.



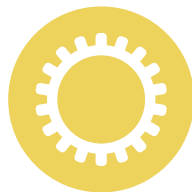
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# NEMATICIDE BEST PRACTICE STEPS



## 1. QUALIFY

Operators must have a PA4 and 4G qualification



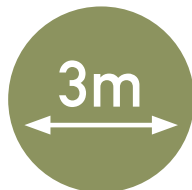
## 2. CALIBRATE

Machinery must be professionally calibrated every two years



## 3. SINGLE PASS

Apply and fully incorporate nematicides within a single pass



## 4. SHUT OFF

Shut off granule flow 3m before the end of the row



## 5. SPILLAGES

Bury small spillages immediately



## 6. CHECK

Check treated fields 24 hours after application for adverse effects to wildlife



# NEMATICIDE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME



# FREE NEMATICIDE E-LEARNING COURSE

The NSP, alongside ARTIS, has developed free online training modules for PA4 and 4G qualified individuals. This training covers best practice usage of granular nematicides to ensure the protection of the operator, environment and consumer.

Modules one and two of the nematicide stewardship e-learning course are now available at: [www.nspstewardship.co.uk](http://www.nspstewardship.co.uk)

This course is brought to you by:



## MODULE ONE

Do I need to use nematicides and am I qualified to use them?



## MODULE TWO

Best practice usage of nematicides

## WHY TAKE THE COURSE?

- BASIS and NRoSO points available
- Comply with assurance schemes
- Protect yield through better pest control
- Implement high stewardship levels

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