

Oilseed Rape Growers – Think Water This Autumn!

Metazachlor and Quinmerac are fundamental to early season weed control in oilseed rape. However, the frequency and magnitude of concentrations in raw surface water represent a real risk to restrictions being placed on these active ingredients. Time for action is NOW.

TAKE ACTION

Think Best Practice

- 1 In the farmyard** from sprayer filling, spillages, container rinsing, disposal of caps & containers.



- 2 In the field** via drift, drainage and run-off.



Think Agronomically

- 1 Soil** – Ensure good soil structure, remove compaction but don't overwork.



- 2 Seedbed** – Ensure good seed to soil contact. Don't make seed beds too fine but do consolidate.



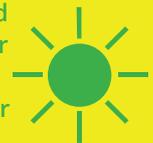
- 3 Establishment** – Drill oilseed rape from mid-august onwards. Run tramlines across the slope if possible.



- 4 Apply herbicides** post emergence for best performance.



- 5 Application** – follow stewardship guidelines. Avoid cracked or water logged soils. Monitor weather forecasts.



EARLY ESTABLISHMENT IS KEY

New Metazachlor application recommendations: **Rate = 750g metazachlor ai/ha***

TIMING

- **Undrained land** – no timing restrictions.
- **Drained fields, including temporary** – aim for 1st Oct, cut off 15th Oct. Applications after the 1st Oct can be made as long as soil, seedbed conditions are good and drains are not flowing.

- **Drained fields in Drinking Water Safeguard Zones** cut off 1st Oct. Go to www.wiyby.co.uk for zoning details.

* Label restrictions still apply. A maximum total dose of not more than 1000g metazachlor/hectare may be applied in a three-year period on the same field.

