

# Environment Programme

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# Useful Numbers

## Incident hotline

Telephone: 0800 80 70 60  
24-hour service



## General Enquiries

Email: [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Telephone 03708 506 506

# 25 Year Environment Plan

1. Clean air.
2. Clean and plentiful water.
3. Thriving plants and wildlife.
4. A reduced risk of harm from environmental hazards such as flooding and drought.
5. Using resources from nature more sustainably and efficiently.
6. Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment.
7. Mitigating and adapting to climate change.
8. Minimising waste.
9. Managing exposure to chemicals.
10. Enhancing biosecurity.



**EA 2025**  
A NATION RESILIENT  
TO CLIMATE CHANGE



**EA 2025**  
HEALTHY AIR,  
LAND AND WATER



**EA 2025**  
GREEN GROWTH AND  
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

# Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly



Physical modification



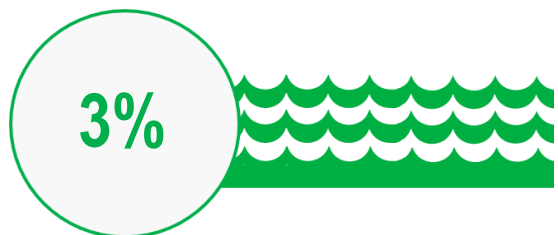
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Pollution from rural areas



Pollution from towns, cities and transport



Changes to the natural flow and level of water



Pollution abandoned mines

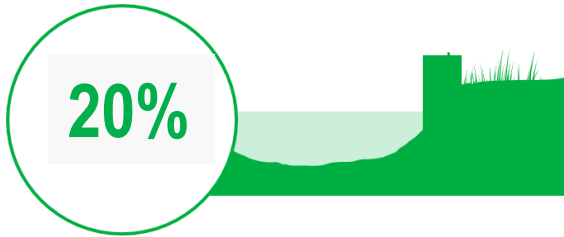


Non-native invasive species



Climate change and population

- Check Misconnections
- Maintenance of offline septic tanks
- Good Loo Behaviour (3 P's)
- Take the "strain off the drains"
- Save water in prolonged dry periods
- Manage invasive species
- Consider product sources
- Report environment incidents



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How can communities help

# General Binding Rules

- Sewage must be domestic in nature
- Buildings Regulations Approval
- Not cause pollution
- Releasing to ground; permit if:
  - Well, borehole deep structure
  - > 2000L per day
  - Groundwater protection zone
- Releasing to a surface water
  - Small sewage treatment plant; permit if:
  - >5000L per day

More information available at <https://www.gov.uk/permits-you-need-for-septic-tanks>

# What is the WFD

- EU legislation requiring member states to make plans to protect and improve the water environment.
  - WFD adopted in 2000 (UK law in 2003) and provided a common framework for water management and protection in Europe.
  - Environment Agency are the lead competent authority for implementing the WFD in England.
- Environmental Bill
  - Office for Environmental Protection
  - Aligned 25 YEP and RBMP Targets of 75% waters at good

# What are the key aims of WFD

1. Improve and protect inland and coastal waters
2. Obtain a sustainable use of water as a natural resource
3. Create better habitats for wildlife that live in and around water
4. Create a better quality of life for everyone

Further information about the WFD is available online: [Legislation.gov.uk: Water framework directive](https://legislation.gov.uk/uk/legislation/directive/2000/60/01)



# Useful Resources

- [25 Year Environment Plan](#)
- [EA 2025 \(5 Year Plan\)](#)
- [Catchment Data Explorer](#)
- [Bathing Water Quality](#)
- [Septic Tanks \(General Binding Rules\)](#)
- [Report a pollution incident](#)
- [Connectright](#)

