Waste Prevention & Recycling

Tricks & Tips

To prevent waste and conserve natural resources please use these helpful tips in your home.
How to lighten your Recycling Bin

- Leaving packaging in the shop if allowed, e.g. shoe boxes.
- Invest in a refillable water bottle, coffee cup & lunch box to reduce waste when you are on the move.
- Look out for compostable & recycling symbols on packaging.
- To reduce weight ensure that used food containers are clean and dry.
- Choose goods in refillable packaging such as detergents & coffee.
- Look for goods with less packaging.
- Find out more about the only material accepted in your recycling bin at www.recyclelistireland.ie.
- Place a NO JUNK MAIL sticker on your letter box.
What can go in your Recycling Bin...

Always make sure all materials are clean, dry and loose before putting them in the recycling bin.

**PAPER**
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Paper
- Phone books
- Catalogues
- Tissue boxes
- Sugar bags
- Calendars
- Dairies
- Letters
- Computer paper
- Used beverage
- Juice cartons
- Milk cartons
- Egg boxes
- Holiday brochures
- Paper potato bags

**CARDBOARD**
- Food boxes
- Packaging boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Kitchen towel tubes

**ALUMINIUM & STEEL CANS**
- Drink cans
- Steel cans
- Pet food cans
- Food cans
- Biscuit tins
- Soup tins

**PLASTIC PACKAGING (PP)**
- Yogurt containers
- Margarine tubs
- Rigid food packaging
- Liquid soap containers
- Fruit containers

**PLASTIC BOTTLES (PET 1)**
- Mineral bottles
- Water bottles
- Mouthwash bottles
- Salad dressing bottles

**PLASTIC BOTTLES (HDPE2)**
- Milk bottles
- Juice bottles
- Cosmetic bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Household cleaning bottles
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Window cleaning bottles
- Bathroom bottles
How to lighten your Brown Bin

- Make sure fruit and veg is stored correctly so you get time to eat it.
- Check the use-by date before purchasing to ensure you will have time to eat it before it goes out of date.
- Keep all dairy products in the fridge to preserve them as long as possible.
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- When shopping try to make a list of what you need and stick to it!
- No dairy, bread or meat products should go into your home garden composter.
- Use newspapers to line your kitchen caddy or compostable bin liners which are widely available to buy (regular biodegradable bin bags are not suitable).
- A home garden composter is another way to get rid of garden waste, egg-shells/boxes, fruit, vegetables & teabags. For more go to www.stopfoodwaste.ie or www.brownbin.ie
- *Note: Food safety guidance should be followed when storing and preparing food.*
If it once grew, it can go into the brown bin!

Bread & cereals
Egg & dairy products
Meat, poultry
Fish, shellfish & bones
Plate scrapings & scraps

Coffee grounds & tea bags
Dead flowers & plants
Wet cardboard or paper
Paper towels & napkins
Fruit & vegetables
How to lighten your General Waste Bin

- Remove any water or liquid from the item so it is as light as possible.
- Before you bin anything check to see if it's compostable or recyclable.
  Check the list at www.recyclinglistireland.ie
  www.brownbin.ie
- Timber, Steel and old paint tins are accepted at your local civic amenity site for a small fee.
- Anything with a plug or battery can be recycled FREE at your local civic amenity site.
- Old toys, clothes and unwanted furniture could be given away to charity if they are in good condition or given away online through sites such as www.freetradeireland.ie
- Keep glass out and bring it to your bottle bank.
What can go in your General Waste Bin...

- Toothpaste containers
- Ashes (cold)
- Nappies
- Contaminated (dirty) containers
- Crisp, sweet or foil based wrappers
- Sanitary waste
- Soft plastics such as bags, plastic wrap and film
- Ceramics e.g. broken cups or plates
THINK BEFORE YOU THROW IT OUT!
Before putting waste in any bin, can you...