ORGANIC WASTE

TIPS FOR YOUR ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION BIN
All food and garden waste can be collected in this bin. To reduce odour problems, you can simply wrap food waste in old newspaper before placing it in the organic bin or use compostable bags only. Further tips on food waste prevention can be viewed on www.stopfoodwaste.ie. Items for placing in the brown waste bin include:
- Cakes, biscuits, food soiled napkins and paper towels
- Dairy products (cheese, yoghurt etc)
- Eggs and egg shells
- Food scraps, including cooked/uncooked meat, fish and poultry
- Fruit, vegetables, breads, cereals, pasta, dough and rice
- Garden waste, ie grass cuttings, hedge clippings etc
- Shellfish and bones
- Soups and sauces
- Table & Plate scrappings
- Teabags, coffee grinds and paper filters
- Wet cardboard and paper (No Plastic)

FOOD WASTE
In Ireland over one million tonnes of food waste is disposed of each year. Food waste is a real problem and it is costing Irish householders €700 each year. This is considerably higher in some cases. We must all play our part in reducing the quantity of food waste generated by being more aware of what we are putting into our bins. See www.stopfoodwaste.ie for advice on reducing food waste.

RECYCLING WASTE

TIPS FOR YOUR DRY RECYCLABLE COLLECTION BIN
Keep all recyclables clean, remember to rinse and squash before putting them into your recycle bin. Items for your recycling bin include:
- Aluminium drink cans
- Food and biscuit tins
- Catalogues/newspapers/magazine
- Clean clear plastic bags
- Clean tin foil and clean takeaway food trays
- Detergent and fabric softener bottles
- Envelopes
- Juice cartons
- Label and tags from new clothes
- Lids from glass sauce jars (No Glass)
- Milk cartons
- Phone books
- Printing paper
- Shampoo and shower gel bottles
- Soup cartons
- Tissue boxes
- Washing up liquid bottles
- Window cleaner bottles
- Yoghurt drink bottles (No Glass)

CIVIC AMENITY SITE

The Galway City Council Recycling Centre provides a facility for residents of Galway City to collect and dispose of certain unwanted household or electrical items. The centre is for Galway City householders use only. Commercial use is strictly prohibited. The recycling centre is located in the Lisban Industrial Estate, Tuam Road, Galway. Further information on what waste can be deposited at the centre is available on www.galwaycity.ie or by calling Galway City Council’s Customer Service Team on 091-536400.

BURNING

ILLEGAL BURNING OF WASTE
The disposal of waste by uncontrolled burning is an offence under both the Air Pollution Act, 1987 and the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended.
If you encounter illegal burning of waste please phone Galway City Council Customer Service Team on 091-536400 or the National Helpline 1850 365121.

BONFIRES
The lighting of bonfires is prohibited. Please remember: bonfires are dangerous, cause injury to children each year and cause damage to your environment.
When the Local Authority makes staff available to clean up after bonfires and reinstate open spaces, they are unable to carry out normal maintenance duties.
Don’t leave out materials for use in bonfires. Don’t allow a bonfire on your local open space.
Remember, it’s your local environment - protect it.

LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING
Discard of waste correctly - it’s the law. Please ensure that you dispose of all your waste in the correct manner. Remember, to leave or throw litter in a public place is of an offence which is liable to an on the spot fine of €150 or a maximum fine of €3000 in court. If your local authority finds material that is illegally dumped and establishes the identity of the owner of the material, that person will have a case to answer without necessarily having had a hearing in the act. In addition, extra powers are also available to your local authority to require a householder or business operator to indicate how and where they are disposing of their waste. This is particularly relevant if the householder or business owner is not servicing of a refuse collection service or is not bringing their waste to an authorised disposal facility.

WEEE/ BATTERIES
Did you know that if you purchased a new electronic or electronic appliance or piece of equipment the retailer or supplier is required to take back your old appliance or equipment, free of charge on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis? Batteries are taken back free of charge by battery retailers, no purchase necessary.
Galway City Council will also take back household WEEE and batteries free of charge from members of the public at its Civic Amenity Facility based in the Lisban Industrial Estate, Tuam Road, Galway.

MANAGING YOUR WASTE CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

GENERAL WASTE

TIPS FOR YOUR LANDFILL BIN
Recycling may seem like a tedious hassle, but it is in all our interests to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE where possible and avoid placing incorrect items in the landfill bin. Putting these habits in place now will reduce your costs of waste disposal as the charges placed on landfill of waste are rising substantially each year. The only waste to be placed in the landfill bin is what cannot be placed in the Recycle or Organic waste bins so think twice before you throw out!
This bin should only contain:
- Non-recyclable waste
- Non-compostable waste
- Non-hazardous waste

EXAMPLES
- Ashes, Nappies, Dirty Plastic
- Biscuit Wrappers
- Blinds, toothpaste tubes
- Crisp Packets
- Dirty tin can, nappy discharges
- Meat Wrapping
- Non CFL light bulbs
- Wax-Paper Wrapping
*Exclude construction or demolition waste

BRING BANKS
For household use only – no commercial waste.
Bring all those glass jars and glass bottles to your nearest set of bring-banks and remember not to leave any bags or boxes behind. In the event of the banks being full when you get there please bring home your glass jars/bottles until the banks have been emptied. This will ensure that no illegal dumping will take place at the banks. If your local banks are full, please report it to Galway City Council’s Customer Service Team on 091-536400. CCTV cameras have been installed at various sites that are prone to illegal dumping and to date the CCTV cameras have proved successful in identifying offenders who have been issued with fines under the Litter Pollution Act.

BULKY GOODS
Old toys and unwanted furniture items could be given away to charity if they are in good condition or given away online through sites such as www.freeroomireland.ie or avail of the Galway City Council Bulky Goods Collection service. This service is available to householders living in Galway City only – it is not available to commercial properties. The cost of the collection varies depending on the items you wish to have collected. To arrange a collection, simply contact Galway City Council’s Customer Service Team on 091-536400.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
Interested in cleaning up your area, Galway City Council provide bags, gloves and arrange pick up of green waste & general litter. For more information contact Customer Service Team at 091-536400.

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