

From July 1st 2016, household waste charges are changing.



PAY BY WEIGHT
KNOW YOUR WASTE, CONTROL YOUR COST

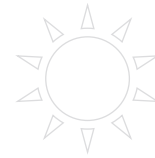
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What is

Pay By Weight?



A new charging system

On July 1st 2016 the charging arrangements for household waste will change to a new system called Pay By Weight. After this date all households availing of a waste collection service will be charged based on the weight of waste they produce.

Pay by Weight is a transparent charging system and it will be easier for you as a customer to compare charges between collectors.

Understanding the charges

There will be two elements to the charges: a fixed charge (for the provision of the service) and a weight based charge which will vary for the different waste types.

“Prices will vary depending on your collector and area. Contact your waste collector as they have all the information you need to know.”

Streaming your waste

When your bins are collected at the kerbside each will be separately weighed. Minimum charges for each of the waste streams have been set out in legislation and are based on the minimum processing costs for these waste types. It is likely that the collectors charges will exceed the minimum charges set out in the legislation. To protect the environment general waste will cost more than recycling or organic waste.



Why Pay By Weight?



Policy

Ireland has a progressive waste management policy and is in line with other European countries introducing Pay by Weight as the next step to encouraging waste prevention.

Studies conducted in Europe as well as by Ireland's Environmental Protection Agency have concluded that Pay by Weight encourages positive behaviour towards the environment as householders are encouraged to separate more waste and prevent waste where possible.

Pay by Weight incentivises more recycling and better segregation of waste.

Attitudes

In some parts of the country Pay by Weight has already been introduced. A survey of these households examined attitudes and behaviour and found that it had impacted positively in that households separated more waste and in some cases produced less waste.

If it's in the right bin you are on the right track!

Positive change

In a survey of households already participating in Pay by Weight 91% felt that Pay by Weight charging encouraged them to recycle more. Whilst 80% of the same households felt that the charges encouraged them to reduce waste.

Pay by Weight...

How will it work?

From July 1st 2016, there will be two elements to how waste charges will be calculated;

1. Typically householders will pay a fixed service charge to the waste collector for the provision of the kerbside service. This fixed service charge will include the provision of all bins and the collection of these bins on a weekly or fortnightly basis.
2. Weight charges will then apply to the amount of each waste stream collected and this will be charged on a per kg basis. Minimum charges for each of the waste streams have been set out in legislation and are based on the minimum processing costs for these waste types. It is likely that the collectors charges will exceed the minimum charges set out in the legislation. To protect the environment general waste will cost more.

Each waste collector will determine how much the fixed and weight per kg charge will be therefore you must contact your waste collector to find out what charges apply to your area.

Knowledge is Power

Since July 2015 most waste collectors have been weighing their customers bins so data already exists on how much waste householders are producing. Contact your waste collector to access this data, they may be able to give it to you over the phone or by logging on to their website.

Remember if you **know your waste you can control your costs**. The key to controlling your costs is by segregating your waste correctly. If it's in the right bin you are on the right track.



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Know your waste control your cost



See below some tips to help YOU SAVE MONEY in preparation for introducing Pay by Weight:

REUSE WHERE POSSIBLE



Choose to reuse – offer unwanted items to family, friends, colleagues, charity shops & upcyclers – this gives a longer life to products as well as preventing waste. By doing this you are part of the circular economy.

USE YOUR BROWN BIN



Remove all packaging and put all food waste & liquids in the brown bin. Use a compostable bag to keep the bin clean & odour free. Where a brown bin is provided its an offence to place food waste in the residual bin.

STOP FOOD WASTE!



The average household wastes up to a third of all food they buy so check your cupboards & fridge before you shop; make a list & stick to it.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?



Contact your waste collector for a current list of what can and can't be recycled. Use this information to make better choices about packaging when shopping.

HEAVY WASTE



Keep heavy items like soil, rubble, DIY or garden waste out of your residual bin – in general these items are accepted at your local civic amenity site. Check your local authority website for opening hours and costs of using these centres.

HAZARDOUS WASTE



Never put hazardous waste in your bin. Electrical items, paints & oils should also all be taken to your civic amenity site for recycling or disposal. Electrical items are accepted free of charge at Civic Amenity Sites.

FIND YOUR NEAREST BATTERY BOX



Batteries can be also be recycled for free by using the "blue battery boxes" in all shops selling batteries.

SEPARATE WASTE



Your recycling & brown bin will be cheaper than your residual bin so by segregating correctly less goes in your recovery bin reducing your waste charge.



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