

Household Waste Collection Changes – Flat Fees Dumped!!

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten T.D. 27TH June 2017 confirmed that a more flexible framework for waste collection charges have been approved by Government.

'All-in flat rate' charging for household waste will be phased out as customers renew or enter new service contracts. Companies will no longer be able to offer "fixed rates" or "flat fees".

Under the new arrangement waste collectors will be given the flexibility to continue to offer, or to introduce a range of incentivised pricing options to their customers. These options include elements or combinations of standing charges, and a per lift, per kilogramme, weight bands, and weight allowance charges.

So what can you do to reduce your weight! Reduce – Reuse- Recycle

The following are tips how to reduce your waste footprint helping the environment by reducing landfill and also saving you money – win for everyone!!

Home Composting remove your garden waste from your waste bin!

You can reap a heap of benefits from composting including:

Cut waste expenses and save money

On average, food and garden wastes make up over 1/3 of the contents of your rubbish bin. Wasting food and waste disposal is expensive so by limiting food waste and completing home composting you can save money on your bills. Grass weighs a lot and increases weight in your bin.

Food Waste.....

The true cost of food waste is difficult to put a number on but the average Irish household is binning between €400 – €1,000 worth of food each year.

Did you know each carrot you throw out costs you 12c, a head of lettuce is €1.00 and a slice of bread is 10c. So the next time you throw out a slice of bread, or that bag of salad left in the back of the fridge think about how this all adds up to money from your pocket going into the bin. For more on reducing food waste log onto www.stopfoodwaste.ie

Recycling....

Recycling – How to reduce recycling.

- Before buying items, look out for compostable & recycling symbols on packaging. Try to buy goods with less packaging or leave packing in the shop if allowed.
- Invest in a refillable water bottle, coffee cup and lunch box
- Follow a list of recyclable materials accepted by your waste collection company.
- Place no junk mail sign on your letter box.

If you are unsure of what the best approach is, contact your local supplier who will be happy to advise you on what your options are and how to reduce your weight.