

How to manage waste from your home

Mayo County Council have provided you with this information leaflet to help you deal with the waste arising in your home. This waste can come in different forms. Some waste is recyclable which means your waste can go through a process to turn it into new products. Other waste, often referred to as 'general' 'black bin' or 'landfill' waste currently cannot be recycled. Each week you will also find that you have food waste to throw out. This may take the form of peelings from preparing meals, inedible parts of food such as bones or food that is leftover and not used. Leftover food costs money to buy and dispose of, so it is important to cut down on food waste as much as possible. Visit www.stopfoodwaste.ie for great tips on cutting down on food waste.

What can I do with my waste?

You have two options for dealing with waste from your home.

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You can sign up to a service with a permitted waste collector who will provide you with wheelie bins for your waste. Some permitted waste collectors may provide a bag collection of waste, but this is only in very specific circumstances. Your waste collector will be able to explain these circumstances to you. Always use a permitted waste collector. Beware of bogus waste collectors - if in doubt contact the Environment Office of Mayo County Council on 094 9024444.

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You can bring your waste to Mayo County Council's Civic Amenity Centres. Mayo County Council has two of these centres - based at Rathroeen on the Killala Road outside of Ballina and Derrinumera on the Castlebar -Newport Road. These centres will accept general household waste and also recyclable waste. You can also bring bulky items of waste such as old mattresses, sofas, electrical items, prams, highchairs and old toys. You can also bring items of household hazardous waste such as old batteries, oil based paints, old medicines, pesticides and household cleaners. Full details of the types of waste accepted, opening times and charges is available by visiting www.mayococo.ie or calling Rathroeen Civic Amenity Centre on 096 75959 or Derrinumera - 098 41632 or email: environment@mayococo.ie

What goes in my wheelie bin?

DO NOT
place
hazardous or
liquid waste
in your bin!



In rural areas and smaller villages, where a collection is in place, you will be offered a two-bin system. This contains a bin for general waste and a bin for recycling. You may also decide to purchase a compost bin, available at a subsidised rate of €30 from Mayo County Council. Vegetable waste such as fruit and vegetable peelings can be placed in the compost bin. In towns and villages with a population of over 500 you must avail of a brown bin for food waste. In these areas you will be offered a three-bin system. This system contains a bin for general waste, a bin for recycling and a bin for food waste. See overleaf for the list of items that goes in your recycling bin and a list of items that go in your brown bin.



Incentivised Payment

Most permitted waste collectors are now offering an incentivised payment system to encourage you to cut down on waste and to recycle better. Contact your waste collector for details of their incentivised payment system.

Bottles and Jars

Empty bottles and jars can be recycled at your local bottle banks. Remember to remove caps and corks, rinse out and separate by colour before recycling.



Your household recycling list

Rigid Plastics



Plastic Drink Bottles



Plastic Cleaning Bottles



Butter, Yoghurt & Salad Tubs



Fruit & Veg Trays



Plastic Milk Cartons



Soap or Shampoo Bottles

Tins & Cans



Soup Cans



Pet Food Cans



Drink Cans



Food Cans



Paper & Cardboard



Letters & Brochures



Cardboard Boxes (Flat)



Egg Boxes



Toilet and Kitchen Roll



Newspapers



Tetra Pak Juice or Milk Cartons

The Brown Bin Do's & Don'ts!



Use newspaper or paper bags to line your bin. Compostable bags are also suitable.



Do not use plastic bags to line your bin. Compostable bags are accepted.



Remove all food packaging before placing food in the bin.

Waste service providers in Mayo are legally obliged to provide brown bins for collection of food waste to customers living in towns and villages with a population of greater than 500 people.

By using your brown bin service you are protecting the environment, complying with the law and helping create a new compost industry in Ireland.

YOUR BROWN BIN CAN TAKE ALL THESE MATERIALS...

 Meat, poultry & fish	 Meat & fish bones	 Plate scrapings	 Leftover pasta
 Fruit & vegetables	 Bread/baked goods	 Leftover cereals	 Leftover rice
 Coffee grounds & tea bags	 Egg & dairy products	 Raw and cooked food	