



# Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

The Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) was introduced by the Department of the Environment in 2017 to encourage a collaborative approach between local authorities, communities and other state agencies in tackling the problem of illegal dumping. Since 2017, funding of over €12 million has been provided by the Department under the initiative and over 1,300 projects have been successfully delivered across 31 local authority areas. Galway City Council has received funding of €470,000 under the Anti-Dumping Initiative over the last 6 years and this funding has supported numerous projects and campaigns aimed at protecting and enhancing Galway City's environment.

In 2022, Galway City Council carried out 6 projects using ADI funding.

- **Greening the Laneways.** A project to clean and enhance laneways across the city and transform them into vibrant, civic spaces.
- **Love Galway City.** A series of projects and clean-ups aimed at improving Galway's environment, including school workshops and environmental education events.
- **End of Life Vehicles.** A campaign focusing on End of Life Vehicles, including awareness and enforcement.
- **Bulky Goods Collection.** In August 2022, Galway City Council and Galway County Council, in conjunction with Barna Recycling, hosted a discounted bulky goods collection event. Over 16 tonnes of household bulky waste was collected from Galway City residents during the event.
- **Hazardous Waste Collection.** A household hazardous waste collection event took place on Saturday 10th September 2022 at the Galway Racecourse. 415 Galway City households availed of the service to safely dispose of their hazardous waste. Almost 20 tonnes of hazardous waste was collected on the day.
- **Anti-Dumping Awareness.** Advertising and awareness initiatives aimed at highlighting issues associated with illegal dumping and help protect Galway's environment.

## YOUR COUNTRY. YOUR WASTE?

Dumping waste is a crime.  
Let's all take responsibility.

#StopIllegalDumping



The Anti-Dumping Initiative funds projects that bring people together to improve Galway City's environment. Photos show volunteers at community clean-ups in Ballybane and on Silverstrand beach.

## Say No to Illegal Dumping!

Illegal dumping is unsightly and causes significant harm to the environment and to wildlife. Illegally dumped waste is also a risk to public health, can attract vermin and is a potential fire hazard. The clean-up of illegally dumped waste requires significant resources and costs a lot of money.

**DO NOT DUMP OR BURN YOUR WASTE AND DO NOT TOLERATE THOSE THAT DO.**

**Always dispose of your waste responsibly.**

All households in Galway City must have a waste collection service or bring their waste directly to an authorised facility. It is important that you segregate your waste into 3 different waste streams – recyclable waste, food waste and general waste – and always reduce, reuse and recycle as much as you can.

**Beware of bogus waste collectors.**

Never give your waste to anyone other than an authorised waste collector. Authorised waste collectors are required by law to have a National Waste Collection Permit and will clearly display the waste permit number on their vehicle. Always ask to see a permit and, if a waste collector cannot produce a permit, do not use their service. If you give your waste to someone without a permit, there is every chance that your waste will end up being dumped – in a bog, in a field, on a country lane. You are responsible for your waste. If your household or business waste is dumped, you could face a fine and prosecution.

**See it? Say it!**

We all have a part to play in tackling illegal dumping. Please report illegal dumping, unauthorised waste collectors or suspicious waste activity in confidence to Galway City Council's Environment Department on (091) 536400 or [environment@galwaycity.ie](mailto:environment@galwaycity.ie). Alternatively, environmental pollution and dumping can be reported to the EPA through their environmental hotline (1800 365 123) or the See It? Say It! app, which you can download to your phone.



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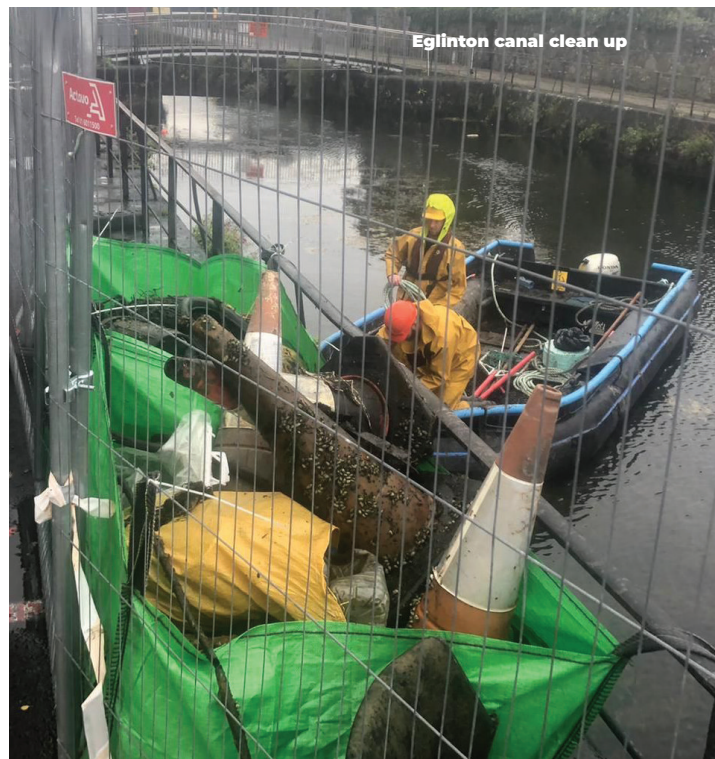
**T**hrough the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022, Galway City Council worked with residents living near Rockfield Park in Rahoon and the Red Lane in Shantalla and transformed their local laneways into vibrant spaces, through clean-ups, community events, painting & planting.

The photographs below show some of the work that was carried out in Rockfield Park earlier this year. For more information on Greening the Laneways visit: [www.galwaycity.ie/greeningthelaneways](http://www.galwaycity.ie/greeningthelaneways).

In October 2022, and supported by funding from the Anti Dumping Initiative 2022, Lough Corrib Navigation Trust carried out a litter pick of a section of the Eglinton Canal above Parkavara. Operatives hand-picked a large amount of waste material from the area, including (amongst other things) bicycles, wheels, clothes, furniture, an (empty) safe box, traffic cones, traffic signs, a shopping trolley and over 1 tonne of glasses, glass bottles and cans.



Greening the Laneways in Rockfield Park



Eglinton canal clean up



# Say No to Illegal Dumping!

Over the last few years, large-scale and co-ordinated clean-up events in Galway City have been funded through ADI, ranging from community clean-ups of public spaces in the city to local authority clean-ups of known illegal dumping sites. Following the clean-ups, preventative and abatement measures were implemented, including community warden patrols to manage and monitor the areas.



## Environmental inspections

Galway City Council has established a Waste Enforcement Unit to promote compliance with waste legislation and tackle illegal waste activity in the City. Inspections are a key aspect of waste enforcement. As well as inspections relating to complaints, routine inspections are carried out, including inspections of

- retailers that place packaging on the market
- shops that sell electrical and electronic equipment
- construction and demolition sites
- restaurants and cafés that produce food waste
- household waste to survey how waste is managed in the home
- multi-agency inspections, with other local authorities, regional authorities, the Gardaí and the EPA.

In 2022, to date, the Council has carried out over 3,000 inspections relating to litter and waste.





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## Managing your Waste

**Don't forget the environment this Christmas!**  
Spare a thought for the environment this Christmas and do what you can to contribute to an environmentally-friendly festive season. Every year, the average householder creates over one tonne of waste including cardboard, paper, plastics, glass, steel, aluminium and food waste. With excess waste produced over the Christmas season, it is up to all of us to PREVENT, REUSE AND RECYCLE as much as possible. If you follow the tips below, you will help to prevent waste, increase recycling and divert waste from landfill.

- Don't forget your **REUSABLE BAGS** when doing your Christmas shopping;
- When **SHOPPING**, only buy what you need;
- Many gifts are wrapped in excess packaging so where possible try to **MINIMISE PACKAGING** when buying gifts;
- **REUSE** where possible, for example, save food containers that can be reused for storage and freezing.
- If you are thinking of throwing something out, consider the possibility of giving it to someone else. Check out reuse websites or charity shops.
- Use reusable party accessories – cups, plates, napkins and decorations, avoid disposable items;
- **RECYCLE** - Look out for gifts made from recycled materials as this helps to create markets for recycled products and further develop the industry;

- Bring your glass jars and glass bottles to your nearest bring bank, ensuring that no boxes or bags are left behind;

The website [mywaste.ie](http://mywaste.ie) has lots of information on how to manage your waste.

In Ireland, over one million tonnes of food waste is disposed of each year. There are a few simple things that we can all do to prevent food waste this Christmas.

The best way to cut down on wasted food and money is to plan out what you'll be eating and how many you'll have to feed.

Make a shopping list but remember to first check what items you already have in stock.

## Food Waste

Go against tradition. If there is something on the Christmas menu that nobody really likes, then leave it out this year.

Be mindful of portions, don't put yourself under pressure to cook more than will be enjoyed on the day (and the day afterwards!).

Allow guests to serve themselves from bowls or platters. Don't overstock on basics, such as bread and milk, as supermarkets and local shops re-open very quickly after Christmas.



Keep an eye on use-by dates – Serve and eat the more perishable foods first and then bring out the longer life food.

Love your leftovers – and use your freezer!

There are plenty of other things that you can do to ensure that you don't waste food and money. This includes storage and cooking food. Through clever cooking, you can cut back on food waste without affecting your Christmas appetite!!

See [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie) for more information.



STOP FoodWaste.ie

# ARE YOU WASTE COMPLIANT?

YOU MUST USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS



**KERBSIDE COLLECTION**

OR



**AUTHORISED WASTE FACILITY**

## Use Your Mug!

Every year we dispose of 200 million coffee cups in this country, that's a whopping 560,000 each day going to landfill or incineration! There are huge environmental consequences with this in terms of litter, waste and climate. Reduce the amount of disposable coffee cups you use by using a reusable cup instead. Small steps can make a big difference.

For more information, check [www.galwaycity.ie/useyourmug](http://www.galwaycity.ie/useyourmug)

## End of Life Vehicles

Are you scrapping your old car or vehicle? If you are, then you must bring it to an Authorised Treatment Facility. Authorised Treatment Facilities are licensed and regulated. They will dismantle your vehicle without causing pollution and they will issue you with a Certificate of Destruction. If your vehicle is not brought to an Authorised Treatment Facility for end-of-life disposal, you could be subject to fines and prosecution.

If you cannot bring the vehicle to the Authorised Treatment Facility yourself, you must use an authorised waste collector with a permit for collecting end-of-life vehicles. Always ask to see a permit. Handing over your waste to an unauthorised collector is against the law and is subject to prosecution.

Your waste, your responsibility. For more information, check [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie).



**Communities coming together to take pride in their area. Photos from the Greening the Laneways Project 2022 in the Red Lane, Shantalla.**

