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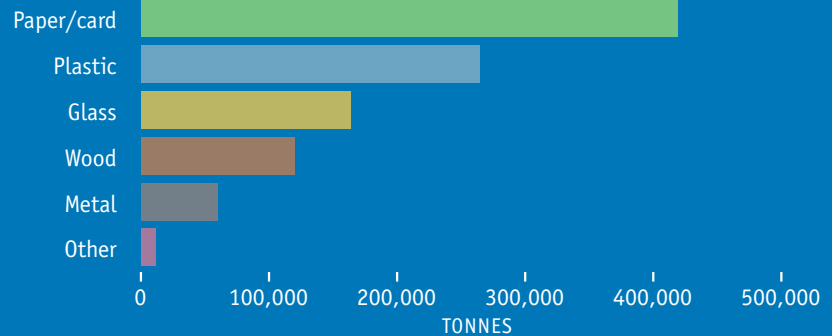


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Just over
1 MILLION TONNES
of packaging waste was
generated in 2018 by
households and businesses

Packaging accounts for **ONE THIRD**
of all waste collected at kerbside

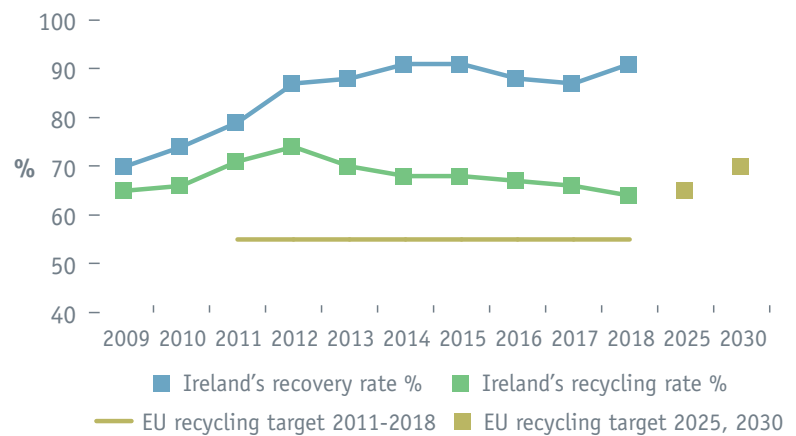


The most common type of packaging waste was paper and cardboard, followed by plastic

Recycling & recovery

Overall
64% OF IRELAND'S
packaging waste was recycled
in 2018

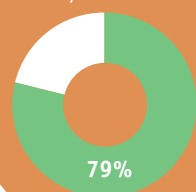
Ireland's recycling rate for packaging waste has been declining since 2012, coinciding with a greater share going for energy recovery



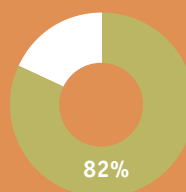
New EU recycling targets will be challenging for Ireland

Recycling rates varied across packaging waste types in 2018

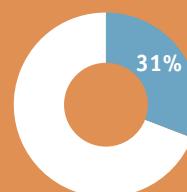
PAPER/CARDBOARD



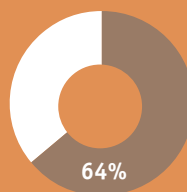
GLASS



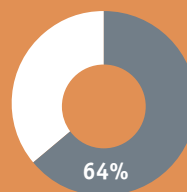
PLASTIC



WOOD



METAL



Only 31% of plastic packaging waste was recycled in 2018 decreasing for the third year in a row.

Key actions for government and industry



PREVENT WASTE

minimise the quantity of packaging placed on the market in the first place



INCENTIVISE REUSABLE OVER SINGLE-USE PACKAGING

reuse is a better option than recycling or recovery, involving less emissions and raw materials



DESIGN FOR REUSE & RECYCLABILITY

ensure packaging is designed, produced and commercialised in a way that permits its reuse or recycling



EXPAND IRELAND'S RECYCLING LIST

to broaden the scope of what can be recycled by Irish homes and businesses



IMPROVE SEPARATE COLLECTION OF WASTE

waste collectors can ensure their customers segregate correctly and use the appropriate bin



CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE ACTION

tackling packaging waste will help reduce emissions and use of raw materials

What can you do?



Separate your waste and **use the correct bin.** Ensure items in the recycling bin are **clean, dry and loose**



SUPPORT BUSINESSES that are moving towards more sustainable packaging practices

Ireland's guide to waste
mywaste

Check out **www.mywaste.ie** for more advice & tips on managing & preventing waste



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