

Ireland's Household Waste

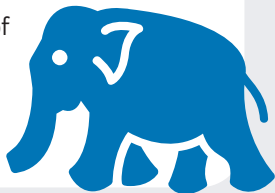
An in-depth look into Irish household waste statistics 2017

Household Waste Stats 2017

Over the last 10 years, household waste generation has remained largely unchanged

The average Irish person produced **321 kg waste in 2017.**

That's the weight of a baby elephant!



Use of brown bins and home composting reduces greenhouse gases.

Ireland composted over 140,000 tonnes of waste from household brown bins.



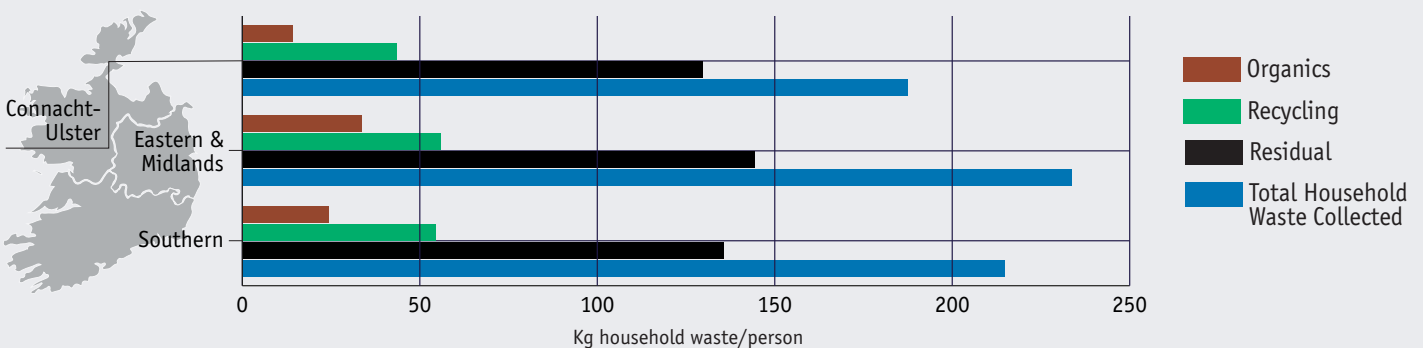
Plastic packaging accounted for 11% of household waste collected in 2017.

Irish households put over **250,000 tonnes of food waste into household bins in 2017.**

That's the weight of 19,000 double decker buses. That is enough buses to span the distance from Dublin to Galway!



There are differences in bin usage across regions that are linked with variations in the types of collection services available and behavioural factors



Room to Improve

We need to put our waste in the right bins to improve waste management.

Black bin waste could be reduced by **56%** with proper segregation

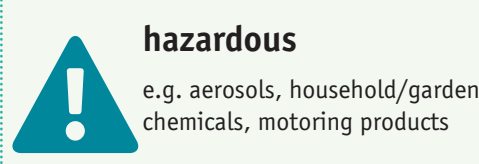
32% of waste in recycling bin should NOT be there

Despite improved brown bin services, **64%** of household food waste is still going into the black and green bins

Since only 4/10 households have access to brown bins there is room to improve accessibility of those services, and encourage home composting

'That doesn't belong there!'

These materials don't belong in household bins.



Use Bring Centres!

Take these materials to recycling centres to ensure your waste gets managed properly.



What Can You Do...

To recycle better

Put food waste in brown bin or home compost.



Less than 1/3 of household plastics goes for recycling due to improper segregation

Put recyclables in green bin. They should be Clean, Dry & Loose.



Looking for more information on how to recycle? Visit mywaste.ie

To generate less waste

2 million coffee cups are disposed of in Ireland every day



Avoid packaging & single use products.

Food waste produces 8-10% of all global carbon emissions



Make shopping lists, and stick to them to reduce food waste.

To learn more about what you can do to reduce foodwaste, visit...



Buy LESS Say NO to throw away culture!

Instead, swap, share and repair!



To find a local professional that can repair your stuff, go to...

For more information
www.epa.ie/nationalwastestatistics