

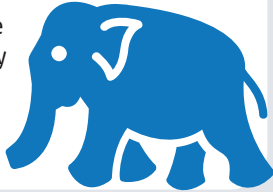
Ireland's Household Waste

An in-depth look into Irish household waste statistics for 2019

Household Waste Statistics 2019

The average Irish person produced 330 kg waste in 2019.

That's about the weight of a baby elephant!



Plastic packaging accounted for 11% of household waste collected in 2019.



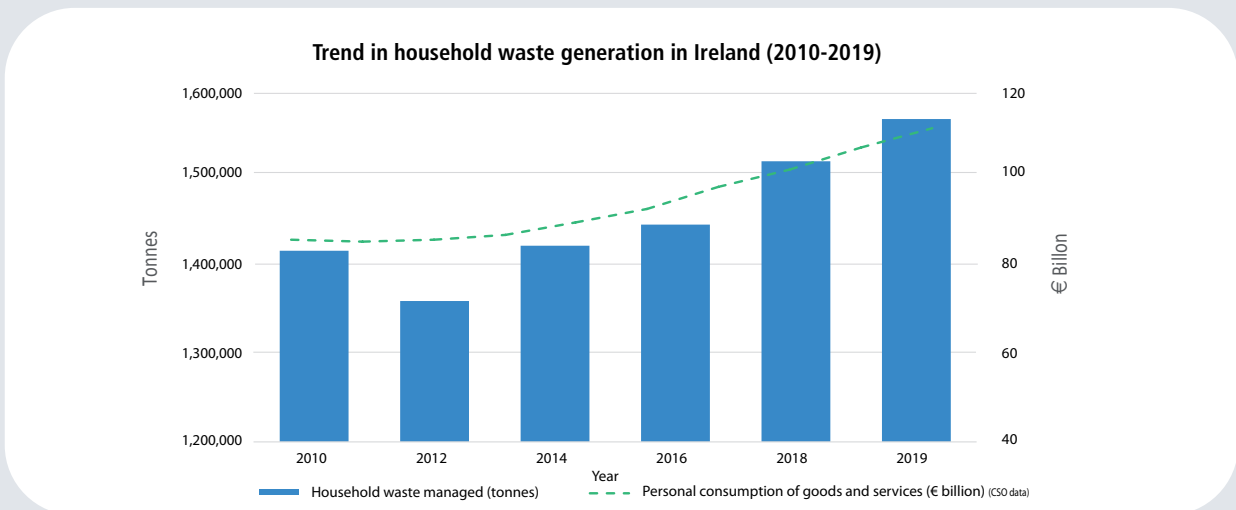
Irish households put over 245,000 tonnes of food waste into household bins in 2019.

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



Household waste generation in Ireland has increased over the last 10 years.

This correlates with rising consumption of goods & services ▼



Room to Improve

We need to put our waste in the right bins to maximise recycling.

Black bin waste could be reduced by **57%** with proper segregation.

32% of waste in recycling bin should NOT be there.

63% of household food waste is still going into the black and green bins.

Despite improved brown bin services & use, only **half** of Irish households had access to a brown bin in 2019.

These materials don't belong in household bins.

textiles

glass

batteries & WEEE

hazardous
e.g. aerosols, household/garden chemicals.

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

Ireland's guide to waste **mywaste**

To generate less waste

2 million coffee cups are disposed of in Ireland every day



Avoid single use products, by switching to reusable alternatives.

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



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



Buy LESS Say NO to throw away culture.

Instead, swap, share and repair.



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

STOPFoodWaste.ie

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

REPAIR MYSTUFF.ie

For more information www.epa.ie/nationalwastestatistics