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Garden Waste Collected at Civic Amenity Sites

The collection of garden waste at civic amenity sites offers a relatively low-cost option that diverts substantial amounts of waste away from landfill, thereby helping Ireland meet the EU Landfill Diversion targets.

Using the Environmental Protection Agency's National Waste Reports from 2006 to 2011, Cré have collated data on the tonnes of organic waste (food and garden) collected at civic amenity sites in each county (see Table 1). The EPA reports do not differentiate between food and garden waste. However, Cré is making an assumption that the majority of this waste is garden based.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government published a Circular (WPPR 17/08) in 2008. In the circular it stated that it was policy to provide for the collection of green waste at civic amenity sites.

The trends are:

- The following counties collected garden waste at their civic amenity sites in 2011- Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Dublin, Dunlaoghaire, Fingal, Galway County, Kerry, Laois, Limerick County, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, South Dublin, Sligo, Waterford City and Westmeath
- The following counties do not collect garden waste at their civic amenity sites in 2011- Galway City, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Wexford and Wicklow.
- Some counties collect a very nominal amount of garden waste in 2011 – Donegal, Kildare, Leitrim, Mayo, North Tipperary, Roscommon and Waterford County.
- The total national tonnage of garden waste collected in 2011 has decreased by 54% compared to 2006 (27,308t to 17,511t).

Cré recommends that:

- not all the Waste Management Plans (Table 2) encourages garden waste collection at civic amenity sites, therefore Cré recommends that the new Waste Management Plans encourages garden waste collection.
- the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (DoECLG) consult the providers of civic amenity sites on the reasons for not providing the collection of garden waste.
- The DoECLG should provide solutions to issues that providers have in not providing this service.

Table 1: Tonnes of Organic Waste (Food and Garden) Collected at Civic Amenity Sites in Each County

County	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Tonnes					
Carlow	0	185	286	365	512	361
Cavan	337	502	573	550	510	265
Clare	708	663	423	677	688	730
Cork			2,459	1,916		
Cork City	364	547			264	216
Cork County	5,479	2,235			1,313	1,464
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dublin	0	0	0	23	75	108
Dun Laoghaire	6,519	5,326	4,703	5,504	4,627	4,001
Fingal	560	1,179	1,482	1,185	1,045	1,084
Galway County	0	0	52	1,278	362	385
Galway City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerry	250	0	600	609	531	366
Kildare	450	458	428	329	230	16
Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laois	0	0	0	15	355	194
Leitrim	14	0	0	0	14	15
Limerick County	1287	925	510	345	612	483
Limerick City ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longford	2	2	0	0	170	203
Louth	1,525	1,698	22,73	3,280	4,667	2,702
Mayo	0	1	0	0	37	37
Meath	1,147	876	990	1,105	841	729
Monaghan	153	151	167	136	45	0
North Tipperary	4	0	8	0	14	2
Offaly	0	0	121	276	556	301
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	2
South Dublin	8,068	4,261	1,455	4,685	2,307	1,941
Sligo	8	70	9	690	761	509
South Tipperary	14	41	41	0	23	0
Waterford County	136	38	53	0	0	52
Waterford City	0	0	0	160	586	826
Westmeath	212	415	469	551	541	517
Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	71	40	38	0	0	0

Total Tonnes 27,308 19,613 17,140 23,679 21,686 17,511

¹Limerick City does not have a civic amenity site

Circular WPPR 17/08, JULY 2008

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Extract from Circular 17/08:

- 17.2 Local authorities are encouraged to provide facilities at civic amenity sites for the reception of green waste for centralised composting. While some civic amenity sites accept such materials, many do not. Space constraints apply in some facilities, however there are a number of technologies that can be employed to provide take back of green waste even in relatively small sites. The provision of such facilities is necessary, even in areas where segregated collections are proposed, to ensure that as wide a range of options as possible are available to householders to divert the greatest quantities of biodegradable material to recycling.*
- 17.4 In this context, all new or extended civic amenity sites should include provision for the acceptance of green waste from householders destined for centralised composting. Given that the costs associated with the provision of such a service are significantly lower than those relating to source segregated collections at kerbside and in light of the overarching need to divert this waste from landfill, local authorities should provide such a service free-of-charge or at a notional fee in order encourage householders to avail of the additional capacity for green waste diversion.*
- 17.5 The Department will prioritise the allocation of future funding towards schemes which, in accordance with the relevant waste management plan, are designed to increase the level of biological treatment of organic waste arising within the municipal waste stream. In particular, support will be provided for -*
- cost-efficient systems for the reception of green waste at civic amenity facilities and recycling centres*

Table 2: Summary of Statutory Waste Management Plan Policies of Local Authorities for the Collection of Garden Waste at Civic Amenity Centres

Dublin²	To provide additional Recycling Centres with facilities to accept a variety of materials not catered for in the door-to-door collection service, including green waste.
Midlands³	Civic Amenity Facilities (existing and proposed) should include provision for reception of green waste by 2010, subject to space constraints.
Midwest⁴	All major Civic Amenity Facilities should include provision for reception of green waste by 2010.
Connaught⁵	Provide for the collection of green waste at recycling centres for transfer to green waste composting facilities
Donegal⁶	Provision of 8 Civic Amenity Facilities within the county by 2008. All facilities will accept green waste.
Cork⁷	Cork County Council intends to increase the number of civic amenity sites and all will have the provision for the collection of green waste. Cork City Council ⁸ will endeavour to continue the operation of its green waste and timber waste recycling facilities at the Kinsale Road Landfill Site.
Kildare⁹	Kildare County Council will provide/promote the use of green wastes as amendment material in biological treatment facilities.
North East¹⁰	Provide additional Recycling Centres with facilities to accept a variety of materials not catered for in the door-to-door collection service, including green waste. All operators to upgrade Recycling Centres to include for further waste streams such green waste.
South East¹¹ (Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, Waterford City, Waterford County and South Tipperary)	The recycling centres which are planned will have facilities for collecting garden waste.
Wicklow¹²	Green Waste/Garden Waste: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to review its policy on the collection of green waste at existing or proposed recycling centres - promote the use of green waste as an amendment material for the treatment of biological waste at biological treatment facilities - have due regard to development of green waste treatment facilities in other waste management regions - encourage the collection of green waste by permitted waste collectors particularly those involved in the collection of organic and/or biological waste

² Waste Management Plan for Dublin Region 2005-2010

³ Waste Management Plan for the Midlands Region 2005-2010

⁴ Waste Management Plan for Limerick/Clare/Kerry 2006-2011

⁵ Replacement Waste Management Plan for Connaught Region 2006-2011

⁶ Donegal Waste Management Plan 2006-2010

⁷ Waste Management Plan for County Cork

⁸ The Cork City Waste Management Plan 2004-2009

⁹ Waste Management Plan for County Kildare 2005 - 2010

¹⁰ North East Region Waste Management Plan 2005-2010

¹¹ Joint Waste Management Plan for the South East 2006 - 2011

¹² County Wicklow Replacement Waste Management Plan 2006-2011