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"FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD"

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR PREMISES WASTE?

Food waste is any food that you normally throw out into the bin for disposal to landfill. If you have a business or premises that generates food waste you now have obligations under the new Food Waste Regulations to separate it for collection or treatment by 1st July 2010.

EXAMPLES OF FOOD WASTE CAN INCLUDE,

- Leftover food from meals (plate & pot scrapings)
- Leftover lunches / sandwiches / rolls / paninis etc
- Soups
- Meats (Cooked & Uncooked)
- Fish (Cooked & Uncooked)
- Vegetables (Cooked & Uncooked)
- All Peelings
- Dairy Products
- Bread Products
- Pastas & Rice Products
- Salads and fruits
- Fruit Products
- Seasonings & Flavourings
- Doughs & Batters
- Cereals & grains
- Tea Bags / Coffee Grinds
- Eggs, Egg shells (Cooked & Uncooked)
- Pot & Plate Scrapings

NOT ACCEPTED AS FOOD WASTE

- No Milk/Juice Cartons (Tetrapak)
- No Knives/Forks
- No Plastics
- No Ceramics
- No Cooking Foils, Greaseproof Paper,
- No Butter Wraps, Jam or Condiment Sachets
- No Glass
- No Metals

What does this mean?

Under the New Food Waste Regulations that came in to effect on January 2010 all premises listed below will not be able to dispose of any food waste through their regular waste collection for disposal to landfill or dispose of food waste by shredding or dehydrating.

Why?

The aim behind this regulation is to divert 36% of biodegradable waste (including food waste) from landfill in 2010.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

1. Check the list below for your premises, business or institution

1.	Premises used for the supply of hot food for consumption both on and off the premises.
2.	A public house where food is supplied.
3.	Premises where food is supplied to employees or prepared on the premises for the purpose of supplying to employees.
4.	A guesthouse, hostel or hotel providing overnight guest accommodation excluding premises comprising not more than four bedrooms.
5.	A shop or supermarket involved in the sale of food to the public including premises for the sale of sandwiches or hot food where the sale of such food is subsidiary to the main retail use.
6.	A restaurant, café, bistro, wine bar or other similar premises where food is prepared on the premises.
7.	A hospital, nursing home or other premises for the long-term residential accommodation of people in need of care where food is prepared on the premises.

8.	An institution providing adult education, continuing or further education, a school, college or training centre, or a university or any other third level or higher level institution where food is prepared on the premises.
9.	State buildings where food is prepared including, Garda Stations, prisons, barracks, office buildings for Government departments and Local Authorities.
10.	Canteen services where food is supplied to employees, where it is situated on construction site for a period of more than 9 months.
11.	Stations, Airports, Port, Harbours and Marinas where trains, planes, and boats which engage in the supply of food to the public (other than food being transported internationally).

2. Are there any exemptions?

For one year, from the 1st July 2010 until 1st July 2011 if your **premises generates less than 50kgs of food waste per week** you can apply to Donegal County Council for an exemption from these regulations.

3. Waste Collector

Contact a Permitted Waste Collector and find out what services they can offer your business or premises.

4. Contact **Donegal County Council** for more information,
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To download a copy of the Food Waste Regulations visit www.donegalcoco.ie

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