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LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

2020 – 2022



Litter Plan 2020 – 2022

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INTRODUCTION

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) requires local authorities to make and implement a Litter Management Plan, and to review the plan every three years.

The Litter Plan must specify:

- Objectives to prevent and control litter
- Measures to encourage public awareness
- Measures to achieve the objectives of the plan

The 1997 Litter Act, (as amended) sets out a definition of litter and also the criteria for making a Litter Plan. (Appendix 1).

This Litter plan replaces the 2015 - 2018 Plan and sets out objectives and strategies for dealing with litter over the next three years. It will build on successes achieved in the previous plan and will endeavour to improve on areas where the last plan was not so successful.

Litter pollution is still a serious form of very visible environmental pollution and should not be tolerated. Its presence also creates a very negative impression which impacts on the wellbeing of everyone, on tourism and on investment in the County. Litter pollution can only be successfully addressed when individuals take responsibility for their actions. Removal of litter places an onerous burden on Roscommon County Council resources that could be used more productively by the Council.

The cost of litter prevention and control for 2019 is set out in Appendix 2.

The importance of environmental protection for a rural county like Roscommon cannot be underestimated. Key strategies and plans for County Roscommon such as the County Development Plan 2014 - 2020, the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021, the Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024, County Roscommon Tourism Statement of Strategy 2017 - 2022 and the Roscommon County Council Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024 emphasise the importance of environmental protection. They also refer to the negative impacts that pollution, including litter pollution, can have on economic and community development in the county and the reputation of our county as an attractive place to live, work, visit, invest and do business.

The purpose of a litter plan is to set out objectives designed to prevent and control litter, and encourage public awareness. In order to achieve these objectives, it must also specify actions to be taken over the lifetime of the plan.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing the Litter Plan, Roscommon County Council consulted and sought submissions from a wide range of organisations and community groups.

The process also involved placing advertisements in local newspapers, and advertisements were run on local radio stations.

Tidy Towns Committees, Community Groups, Schools, and Spring Clean participants were contacted seeking their submissions.

Submissions were also sought from the Planning, Environment, Climate Change and Corporate Governance SPC, An Garda Síochána, the Public Participation Network and bodies such as Bord Na Mona, Coillte, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries, IFA, and Teagasc.

Relevant departments and personnel within the County Council were also consulted.

All submissions received were considered for inclusion in the Plan.

Details of consultation and submissions received are set out in **Appendix 3** of this Litter Management Plan.

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ENFORCEMENT

Number of Litter Complaints received

2017	2018	2019
530	593	496

All Litter Complaints were investigated by Litter Wardens and Enforcement Staff.

Number of Litter Fines issued

2017	2018	2019
95	58	94

Successful Prosecutions

There were **7** successful court prosecutions taken in **2018** and **2019**.

6 more cases were instigated in **2019** with the cases being heard in **2019/2020**.

Section 9 Notices

30 Section 9 Notices were issued under the Litter Act in this three-year period. These notices require people to clean up litter on their property and dispose of properly.

Section 14 Notices

30 Section 14 notices were issued under the Waste Management Act over past three-year period. These notices direct persons to remove waste and dispose of it properly.

CCTV & Audio Devices

CCTV was successfully used at a number of Bring Banks where littering and illegal dumping were a problem, and also at other litter blackspots in the county. As a result, a number of Litter fines were issued.

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Abandoned Cars/Vehicles

Abandoned Cars/Vehicles were investigated under Waste Management Act. Registered owners were contacted to remove these cars and dispose of them properly, 45 Section 71 Notices were issued for the period 2017 – 2019.

Plastic Bags

Plastic Bag regulations enforced by Environmental Enforcement Staff, with regular inspections carried out.

Street ATM Machines

The Litter Wardens surveyed ATMs around the county in accordance with the negotiated national agreement with the banking sector. All ATM's were litter free at time of inspection.

Advertising Signs

An Advertising Signs Implementation Policy was adopted on 23rd January 2017. This differs considerably from the last policy on Advertising Signs in that it only applies to those signs that are not already governed by the Planning Acts. In effect, it deals only with temporary signs on public lands, for which it is necessary to apply for a temporary sign permit. It was also agreed to reduce the Bond to €150.00 from (€250.00 as in the last policy). Advertisers were contacted regarding unauthorised signs and a number of fines have been issued where signs have not been removed.

Appendix 6 Summary of the policy on Advertising Signs.

Household Waste Surveys

Household waste surveys were carried out by litter wardens on households in the county. Approximately 232 surveys were carried out in the period 2017 – 2019.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Campaigns

A number of successful campaigns were undertaken which targeted the most common and vexatious litter complaints.

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Bye-Laws for the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste

2019: In 2019 Roscommon County Council made Bye-Laws to regulate and control the segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste within its functional area. These Bye-Laws repeal Roscommon County Council Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household Waste Bye-Laws 2008. There is a provision for the imposition of a fixed payment of €75 in respect of a contravention of the Bye-Laws. The Bye-Laws came into effect on the 1st November 2019 and an awareness campaign, funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) 2019, was rolled out at this time which included the filming of a Waste Presentation Bye-Law Video and Civic Amenity Site promotional videos and a social media campaign.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Anti-Dumping Initiative was first announced by Minister Denis Naughton in 2017 and continued each year up to 2019. A large number of projects were funded under this initiative which includes clean ups of locations throughout the County, purchase of equipment including a drone and trail cameras. Bulky Goods collections and a mattress amnesty were also funded under the initiative. An Anti-Dumping Cinema Advert competition was organised in each year. As part of this initiative secondary school students were asked to write, act and produce an anti-dumping advertisement. A premiere of all ads and awards ceremony was held in Roscommon Cinema. The winning entry was shown in local cinemas.

Tyre Stockpile Clean Up: In 2017, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Denis Naughton made funding available to local authorities to remove stockpiles of tyres that blight the Irish countryside. Approximately 25,000 tyres were removed from eleven locations around the county at a total cost of €60,840.

Dog Fouling: One of the most vexatious types of complaints received relates to dog fouling. It is another form of littering and Roscommon County Council has run a number of awareness campaigns in order to highlight this problem. Litter Wardens have undertaken litter patrols in areas of towns and in housing estates where complaints of dog fouling were reported. Stencils with anti dog fouling messages have been used on footpaths and along dog walking routes in order to highlight the issue and in addition, Audio devices with anti-dog fouling messages have been used at a number of locations. Mutt Mitt dispensers have been provided in a number of areas. Dog fouling signage has been erected in public areas. In 2019, in an effort to promote responsible dog ownership, Roscommon County Council offered free microchipping to 200 dogs in the County. A Responsible Dog Ownership Guide was published which also includes information on the Green Dog Walker Initiative. This initiative is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling

Greening of Festivals. This is an initiative which assists organisers of festivals and events to reduce waste and litter generated. The Environment Section provides support and materials to festival organisers to facilitate the separation of waste in order to increase recycling and composting at events as well as to minimise litter.

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Master Composting: A Master Composting Course was held in Ballyleague over 5 evenings. A demonstration site was developed and hands on practical work carried out over 3 Saturdays. The opening was officiated by Minister Denis Naughten and 20 participants were awarded their certificates. Follow up outreach work to develop further demonstration sites and training commenced with participating groups from across County Roscommon.

Straws Suck Campaign: The Straws Suck Campaign in partnership with Plastic Free Roscommon and Kiltewan Tidy Town was launched. Over 30 businesses including restaurants, pubs and cafes were approached to only provide straws to customers on request, thereby reducing usage of straws in these outlets. Posters and tent cards were supplied to participants.

Reuse Videos: A series of videos were filmed featuring 24 local businesses in association with LEO for Reuse Month. These videos received 16k views on our Facebook page. This Section also organised 4 workshops on Upcycling books in conjunction with Ros na nOg children's book festival.

Green Team: Training of staff was completed to actively participate in an internal Green Team to introduce a range of energy saving and waste prevention initiatives across RCC buildings in Roscommon Town. Green Team members are participating in the OPW campaign and are in the process of rolling out an improved recycling scheme in a selection of buildings.

Greener Cleaning Campaign: This project commenced in 2017 with a series of online video tutorials featuring "Michellemadethis" as Green Cleaning Ambassador for the campaign. The Greener Cleaning campaign culminated with a feature on the RTE programme Eco eye on 27th February 2018. This campaign has been hugely impressive with a reach of 123,734 people and 32,642 views of the online video tutorial series.

A series on video tutorials called Green Cleaning Life Hack were released on the Roscommon County Council Facebook page to accompany the publication of Green Cleaning Recipe labels. The Video Tutorials featured 'Michellemadethis' as the Green Cleaning ambassador for the campaign and the video series was promoted in an intensive social media marketing campaign and the labels have been reproduced for distribution nationally

Audio Devices and CCTV at Bottle banks: Audio devices and CCTV have been located at a number of bottle bank locations to deter littering and dumping, following on from which litter fines have issued.

Conscious Cup Campaign

A branded reusable coffee cup featuring the county colours and the tag line "Rossies Use Your Mug Choose to Reuse" was launched as part of Reuse Month by Minister Denis Naughten. These branded reusable coffee cups were sold at a subsidised price in shops in Roscommon Town with proceeds going to Roscommon Town Tidy Towns. Due to the success of this project all outlets which sell takeaway teas and coffees in Roscommon Town were asked if they would like to participate in the Conscious Cup Campaign. All 13 outlets have signed up to the conscious cup initiative and customers receive 15c discount if they use a reusable mug.

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Green Christmas

More waste is created at Christmas than any other time of the year. In order to combat this a number of awareness campaigns have been organised including the Festive Food Waste Radio Campaign featuring celebrity chef Catherine Fulvio over a 6-week period on Shannonside FM. Catherine Fulvio was interviewed on the Joe Finnegan show to talk about the subject of Food Waste at Christmas as part of the campaign.

A series of Upcycling Christmas video tutorials featuring 'Michellemadethis' with ideas for reusing waste items and upcycling them into handmade Christmas gifts were available to view on our Facebook page and website. 'Michellemadethis' also featured on an Upcycling Christmas slot to promote the video series on behalf of Roscommon County Council on "Sunday AM" on TV3.

Repair & Reuse Directory

Roscommon County Council is encouraging the public to reduce consumption by promoting the repair of household items rather than disposal, thereby reducing waste generated and also environmental impact. A second edition of the Repair and Reuse Directory was published in April 2017. This edition contains many more businesses, demonstrating the growth in this market. There are 64 businesses listed in the directory across 14 repair categories. Unique to the County Roscommon Repair Directory is the inclusion of a Reuse Section which has a further 22 listings including details of reuse outlets such as charity shops and second hand shops. It has expanded in the second edition to include details of Upcycling Workshops and Men's Shed Groups which impart knowledge and skills on how to upcycle materials and give them a new lease of life.

National Litter Pollution Monitoring System: it provides an accurate picture of litter pollution countrywide and accurately measures changes over time. The system was developed by the Department of the Environment Heritage & Local Government and Tobin Consulting Engineers in consultation with local authorities. Under the System, Roscommon County Council, on an annual basis carries out 24 No. Quantification Surveys and 82 No. Litter Pollution Surveys

Environmental Competitions: Tidy Schools Competitions are organised for national schools throughout the County on an annual basis. This competition has a number of different categories including litter. A number of new categories have also been included in recent years, Most Creative use of Waste in a School Garden being one such category. In 2016 in conjunction with the Heritage Officer, we introduced a Pollinator Award in national schools. Following on from this a number of schools availed of workshops in support of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. This initiative also supports Roscommon County Council's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024.

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SCHOOLS

The Environment Awareness Officer visited both primary and secondary schools on a regular basis throughout the school year.

Green Schools Programme: During the period of the Plan there was an increase in the number of Green Flags awarded. **103** schools are now registered with An Taisce for the Green School programme and **96** Schools were awarded a Green Flag up to December 2019.

Appendix 4 – List of registered Green Schools in County.

Our Anti-Litter mascot ‘Binjamin’ was used to promote National Spring Clean and other anti-litter initiatives. Binjamin also visited national schools in the county.

An Anti-Dumping Cinema Advert competition was organised in each year. As part of this initiative secondary school students were asked to write, act and produce the advertisement. A premiere of all ads and awards ceremony was held in Roscommon Cinema. The winning entry was shown in local cinemas. This project has been funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative

Water Bottle Filling Units in Secondary Schools: The Environment Section organised the installation of water bottle filling units in all 9 secondary schools in Co. Roscommon in order to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles. Roscommon was the first County in Ireland to do so.

PARTNERSHIP

Roscommon County Council continued to promote Environmental Competitions and initiatives to various groups and bodies in the county.

- **The Annual Environment Competitions:** consisting of Tidy Estates, Tidy Cemeteries, Tidy Schools, all continued to be very popular with schools and community groups. We have introduced three new awards, Best Presented Street, Best Presented Bottle Bank and Best Presented Shop Front. These competitions all include a ‘Litter Category’.
- **The Adopt a Road and Adopt a Bring Bank initiative:** promoted to all community and tidy towns groups have been successful in reducing litter levels at participating Bring Banks and raising awareness about roadside litter. In 2019 16 Groups participated in the schemes.

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- **National Spring Clean:** The number of participants in National Spring Clean continues to increase each year. A launch of the campaign is organised each year in co-operation with a local Tidy Towns group. In 2019 almost 200 groups including schools registered for this event with An Taisce. Roscommon County Council assisted 71 groups with gloves, litter pickers, hi vis jackets and removal of waste collected by the groups.
- **Major Events:** Meetings were held with organisers of a number of major events such as festivals, and shows. Litter plans were submitted by the organisers and as a result there were no significant litter problems to be dealt with after the events finished.
- **Seminars** were organised for Tidy Towns Committees with particular focus on the Litter & Tidiness Category of the competition.
- **WEEE** (Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment) collections of electrical goods were organised in towns and villages in the county in partnership with local Tidy Towns committees.



2019 National Spring Clean Launch

You cannot manage what you don't measure!

QUANTIFICATION OF THE LITTER PROBLEM

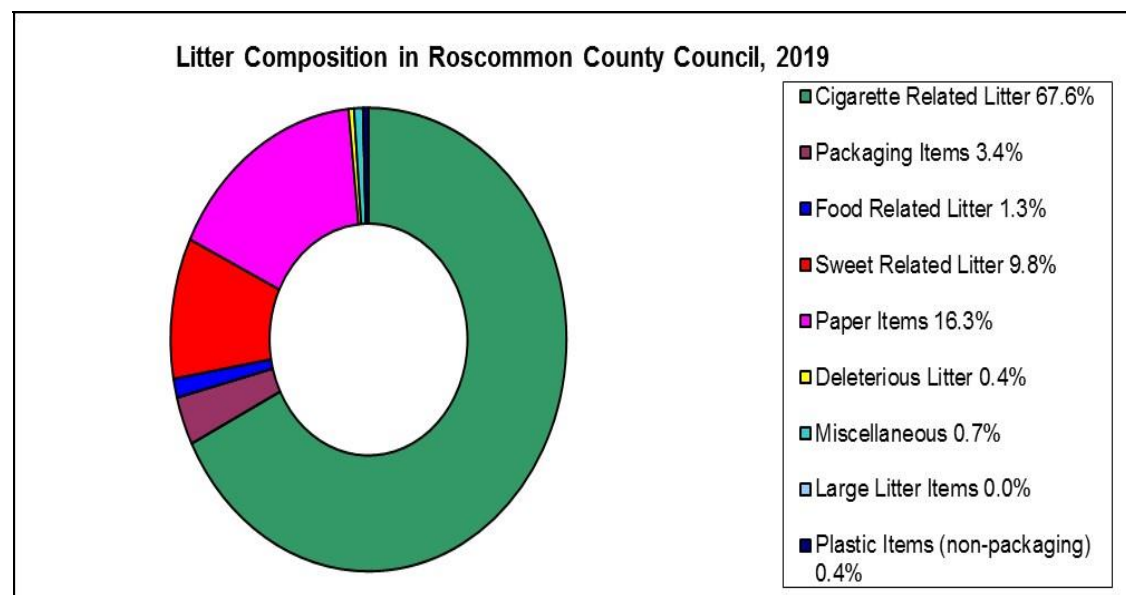
In order to measure the improvements expected from the implementation of this Litter Plan, it is necessary to quantify the existing problem and the methods listed below will be used throughout the lifetime of this Plan.

- The cost of litter prevention and control will be monitored annually.
- The number and location of On-The-Spot fines and prosecutions will highlight the scale of the litter problem and indicate where the greatest problem areas are and act as a guide to the Council's prevention, education and awareness strategies.

National Litter Pollution Monitoring System

The composition of litter pollution is established by carrying out Litter Quantification Surveys. The results of Litter Quantification Surveys submitted to the Litter Monitoring Body by Roscommon County Council are summarised in a report. Results from a total of 24 surveys have been used to compile the composition of litter for Roscommon County Council. The main categories of litter are illustrated in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1 Composition of Litter Pollution in Roscommon in 2019



QUANTIFICATION OF THE LITTER PROBLEM - Cont'd

The national litter pollution surveys identify that pedestrians, motorists, retail outlets, and places of leisure/entertainment are the main causes of litter pollution in the county. The results for 2019 also show that Cigarette Litter, Paper Items, Sweet related litter (including chewing gum), and Packaging Related Litter are the most common types of litter found in the County. The new Plan will aim to tackle these areas.

Litter Pollution survey results for 2016, 2017 and 2018 and 2019 showing percentage of County affected by litter pollution.

Year	% of area within Local Authority area that are Litter Free	Percentage of area within Local Authority area that are Slightly Polluted	Percentage of area within Local Authority that are moderately polluted	Percentage of area within Local Authority that are significantly polluted	Percentage of area within Local Authority that are grossly polluted
2016	31.3%	66.3%	2.5%	0	0
2017	29.3%	69.5%	1.2%	0	0
2018	17.1%	82.9%	0%	0	0
2019	26.8%	73.2%	0%	0	0

IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter)

IBAL was established in 1996 and is an alliance of companies who believe that the litter problem countrywide is an impediment to Ireland's economic growth. Litter gives a very negative impression to visitors and prospective businesses/employers who may be considering locating here. The litter problem also reflects a lack of civic spirit amongst its citizens. IBAL'S intention in launching this initiative was to encourage Local Authorities and business people to seriously work together and tackle the problem of litter in their own particular town.

An Taisce monitor litter levels in nominated towns and cities across the Country according to international standards. Roscommon town has been participating in this anti-litter league since 2002 and in 2017 secured its highest ranking of **3rd** which identified the town as being "Cleaner than European Norms". However, the 2019 final result placed Roscommon at **21st** place. Roscommon was ranked "Clean to European Norms"

Litter Blackspots

Known litter black spots e.g. bogs, forests and certain Bring Banks are monitored by the Litter Wardens on a regular basis.

CCTV cameras have and will continue to be used where necessary.

It is an objective of the plan to continue to work with community groups in monitoring these areas and ensure early reporting of illegal dumping.

The success of these measures will be monitored and where necessary different methods will be explored.

Complaints

The number and nature of litter complaints received is also a gauge to the success of the strategies and can highlight where resources are most required. All litter complaints received are recorded and investigated. Litter complaints mainly relate to bags of domestic waste being disposed of on roadsides, bring banks etc., roadside litter, with dog fouling becoming a more common complaint.

Tidy Towns/Community Groups

Working closely with voluntary groups also provides information on littering, when it is most likely to happen, causes etc. This provides valuable information in dealing with the causes of litter in a particular area.

The results of the Litter & Tidiness category in the national Tidy Towns competition are also an indicator of improvement in regard to litter pollution.

Appendix 5 shows Tidy Towns Results for 2017, 2018 and 2019.



Keadue, Gold Medal Winners Category A 2019 Tidy Towns Competition



Castlecoote Gold Medal Winner Category A 2019 Tidy Towns Competition

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

The actions set out in this Litter Plan are designed to take on the challenges posed here. Working in partnership with communities and business will be vital for success.

Understanding of Litter

There can be a lack of understanding as to what constitutes litter, for example people do not necessarily consider cigarette ends and chewing gum as litter. Also litter pollution is not always seen as an important environmental issue.

Roadside Litter

Visual surveys show an increase in amount of roadside litter, takeaway cups, bottles, and fast food packaging.

Dog Fouling

There has been an increase in the number of complaints of dog fouling, with owners not taking responsibility for their dog's waste.

Major Events

Litter arising from festivals and football matches which can lead to the County Council having to use its own resources to deal with this problem.

Fast Food Outlets

Fast Food outlets can become litter generators, and food packaging is a common type of roadside litter especially after weekends.

Bring Banks

Bring Banks which are provided free for glass and can recycling can become the focus of illegal dumping. Some banks have been removed due to illegal dumping at the sites.

Textile Banks

Textile Banks are very common in rural and urban areas. They can often attract littering and illegal dumping. This can lead to problems for residents and also Council resources may have to be used to clean these sites.

Cigarette litter

Cigarette related litter, continues to constitute the highest percentage of litter component recorded – this is comprised mainly of cigarette ends which constitute 67.6% of all litter items in 2019.

Unauthorised Signage

There is an ongoing problem of unauthorised signage on roadsides, roundabouts, trees and poles. Making advertisers aware that this is a form of littering and is an offence is a challenge.

Electrical Waste and Large Goods

Despite Roscommon County Council and WEEE Ireland (Waste Electronic & Electrical equipment) organising collections throughout the County, as well as free disposal at Civic Amenity Sites and take-back by retailers, illegal dumping of electronic waste can still present a challenge.

Unauthorised Waste Collectors

The operation of unauthorised waste collectors also leads to an increase in fly tipping.

Prosecutions

While all complaints are investigated the lack of evidence and the willingness of witnesses to come forward can lead to the inability to issue fines or take prosecutions. Difficulty with tracing polluters is also an issue.

Illegal Dumping

With the financial downturn came an increase in illegal dumping in bogs and woodlands, as many opted not to have a bin collection service.

Waste Collection Service

The uptake of a household refuse collection service, in particular relating to apartment dwellings.

CCTV

Uncertainty around the use of CCTV for litter offences under GDPR Regulations.

Grass Verge Maintenance

There is the issue of the visibility and presence of litter on grass verges revealed by road side maintenance.

Resources

The Council's own resources, both personnel and financial, have been reduced.

A Litter Free County Roscommon

OBJECTIVES OF LITTER PLAN 2020 - 2022

The purpose of making a Litter Plan is to provide a strategy for the Prevention, Control and Management of Litter within our County. Through these strategies it is hoped that every citizen in County Roscommon will have an increased awareness of the negative impact of litter in the County, be aware of the penalties for littering, and strive through partnership with Roscommon County Council to have a County that is litter free.

Once adopted, this plan will be in place for three years. This plan will be reviewed again in three years.

As required under the Litter Act, an annual report on progress of the litter plan will be prepared for the Council by 31st March each year.

The main objectives of the Revised Litter Plan are:

OBJECTIVE 1

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

OBJECTIVE 2

ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION

OBJECTIVE 3

PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITIES & BUSINESS

OBJECTIVE 1

Education and Awareness

Ongoing education in relation to the problems litter pollution creates for our environment is essential. Every day we learn more about the damaging effect of litter, not only with regard to ourselves and to wildlife, but also the devastating impact it has on the earth's valuable resources on which we rely. The awareness campaigns set out in this plan will alert everybody to the fact that litter is their responsibility and that everybody's individual actions count and that by working together we can all make a difference

Measures for Education & Awareness

Staff

Roscommon County Council employ an Environment Awareness Officer, whose main brief is to co-ordinate the Council's awareness and education programme to schools and communities.

Education & Awareness Measures

Schools

The participation by schools in the Green Schools Programme has been vital in increasing awareness of the problem of litter. Green Flags have been awarded to 96 schools in the County and Roscommon County Council will continue to support this Programme with all schools in the County.

'Benjamin' is Roscommon County Council's anti-litter Mascot and it is proposed to continue to bring 'Benjamin' on visits to schools and develop school competitions around him.

National Campaigns

It is the policy of Roscommon County Council to participate fully in all national anti-litter campaigns and Roscommon County Council will continue to promote national anti-litter campaigns such as National Spring Clean, the National Gum Litter Campaign and (IBAL) Irish Business Against Litter initiative.

Regional Initiatives

Roscommon County Council has worked successfully with other Local Authorities in developing anti-litter radio campaigns which have been very effective and also with the development of a Food Waste Teacher Pack which was launched at the Association of Teachers of Home Economics Conference. It is proposed to continue to develop campaigns on a regional level during the lifetime of this plan.

Local Initiatives

Environmental Competitions: The following competitions are organised annually by the Environment Department. All of these have an anti-litter category:

Tidy Estates Competitions

Tidy Cemeteries Competition

Tidy Schools

Pollinator Competition for Cemeteries and Schools

Best Presented Street Competition

Best Shop Front Competition

Best Presented Bottle Bank

We will continue to encourage communities to participate in these competitions.

Dog Fouling: Dog Fouling is one of the most offensive types of litter, with the number of complaints increasing. We will continue to address the issue of dog fouling in towns and villages. We will run awareness campaigns focussing on this issue

Cigarette Litter: Campaigns in partnership with publicans and bookmakers will be put into place throughout the lifetime of this plan.

Large Events: Liaise with organisers of large events to ensure that a Litter Management Plan is submitted prior to the event and that litter control and waste management measures are in place during and after the events.

For community groups who receive a Roscommon County Council Festivals and Events Grant, a condition of the grant should be that a Litter Management Plan is submitted in order to deal with litter and waste generated at the events.

Roscommon County Council will promote “Greening Your Festivals” to these groups

We will liaise with the Municipal Districts to ensure adequate street cleaning measures are in place at such events.

Junior Tidy Towns: Encourage the setting up of Junior Tidy Towns within existing Tidy Towns committees.

Leave No Trace Ireland: Explore the possibility to working with Leave No Trace Ireland to incorporate their ethos with regard to litter into our education measures.

Social Media: Highlight campaigns through social media platforms

OBJECTIVE 2

Litter Enforcement and Prevention

Preventing the creation of litter in the first place is key to becoming a litter free County, and this is a priority for Roscommon County Council. However, no one organisation or body can achieve this on its own. Enforcement of the Litter Act is the responsibility of Roscommon County Council and it is committed to utilise its powers under this act to penalise litter offenders.

Roscommon County Council employ two full time Litter Wardens.

Litter Enforcement & Prevention measures

Enforcement Measures

Complaints All Litter pollution complaints received to be investigated promptly and appropriate action taken. Roscommon County Council will implement the 'Polluter Pays Principle' in relation to litter and waste.

Litter Wardens Litter Wardens will continue to enforce the Litter Act, and work with Gardai who are also empowered to issue Litter Fines. Non-payment of fines will be pursued through the courts.

The Litter Wardens will be organised to work at times of greatest need, and their litter patrol area will be reviewed regularly.

Illegal Advertising Illegal advertising signs are an ongoing litter problem throughout the County. Roscommon County Council will enforce illegal advertising signage under the Advertising Signs Policy.

(Appendix 6) - Summary of Advertising Signs Policy.

Waste Presentation Bye-Laws: These Bye Laws were made in 2019 and enforcement staff including the Litter Wardens will carry out household surveys to ensure compliance with these Bye Laws.

(Appendix 7) - Summary of Waste Storage & Presentation Bye-Laws.

Waste Management: Roscommon County Council will continue to enforce the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended

Casual Traders: Casual trading Bye-Laws came into effect on 1st January 2020, all applicants were required to submit a Litter Plan and Casual Traders will be visited by enforcement staff in order to ensure that their trading bays are kept free of litter

Prevention Measures

Resources: Provide adequate resources in annual budgets to cater for street cleaning and provision and maintenance of litter bins. Liaise with Municipal Districts in relation to street cleaning and litter bins emptying schedules, particularly at weekends and times of greater need.

(Appendix 8) - Street Cleaning Schedule for County Roscommon.

Litter Bins: When litter bins are due to be replaced, better quality bins with smaller openings will be provided. Also the provision of segregated bins will be considered.

Ensure bins provided at harbours and marinas are emptied regularly, especially during summer months. Liaise with Municipal Districts and Waterways Ireland in regard to this.

Litter Black Spots: Known litter Black Spots to be monitored regularly, including certain Bring Banks. Once investigated any illegal dumping will be removed. As resources allow, it is intended to continue to use CCTV at these areas.

Fast Food Outlets: Litter Wardens to regularly monitor fast-food outlets, street traders, and mobile food outlets, to ensure compliance with the Litter Act.

Local Authority Housing: The Environment Awareness Officer, Litter Wardens and the Housing Liaison Officer to continue to meet with new housing tenants and provide information with regard to litter and household waste disposal.

Semi State Bodies: Organisations such as Coillte, Bord Na Mona, National Parks and Wildlife, Waterways Ireland have property throughout County Roscommon. Some of these experience problems with illegal dumping and littering. It is important that good links are maintained with these bodies and that we work together to develop litter prevention initiatives.

Management Companies: Ensure that Management Companies of Apartment Buildings and Retail Outlets comply with the Litter Act and Waste Presentation Bye Laws

Farm Plastic: Liaise with Farm Relief Services and Irish Farm Film Producers with regard to organisation of collection of farm plastics.

Anti-Litter Signage: Anti-Litter signage to be erected at all known litter blackspots. For playgrounds, specific anti-litter signage should be used.

Banking Agreement: The Litter Wardens will monitor and undertake surveys at ATM machines in line with the national agreement.

National Litter Monitoring Scheme: Carry out Litter surveys in line with the National Litter Monitoring Scheme

CUWERLA: Roscommon County Council will work with the Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA) in implementing anti-dumping initiatives

Prevention Measures

County Council Activities

Roscommon County Council recognises that our own activities can sometimes lead to littering. By working with all Departments in Roscommon County Council we will ensure that our own and our contractors activities do not lead to littering.

Roscommon County Council provides 39 Bring Banks throughout the County. Many are well maintained, but unfortunately some banks attract littering and illegal dumping. Roscommon County Council will ensure that Bring Banks sites are emptied regularly and do not attract littering.

(Appendix 9) - List of Bring Banks in County Roscommon.

Roscommon County Council will seek to improve anti-litter signage at Bring Banks. Any new Bring Bank signage will include symbols that will make recycling easier.

Roscommon County Council will maintain signage at Civic Amenity sites, and replace where necessary



Ballyleague Bottle Banks 2019 winners of Best Presented Bottle Banks Award

Objective 3

Community and Business Partnership

Roscommon County Council recognises the huge contribution made by community groups throughout the County with regard to litter control. It is accepted that it is only through partnerships with local businesses and community groups that real progress can be made with regard to the problem of litter.

Good working relationships have been established between Environment Staff and these bodies and it is essential that these relationships are maintained and strengthened.

Measures for strengthening Community & Business Partnerships

Encourage community groups to participate in Roscommon County Council Annual Environmental Competitions, including: *Adopt a Road* and *Adopt a Bring Bank* initiatives

Encourage and assist local community groups to participate in National Tidy Towns Competition. Consult with Tidy Towns when national Tidy Towns results are announced, and work with them to identify measures to help improve their rating in the Litter and Tidiness category.

Encourage the participation in National Spring Clean and provide assistance through the provision of bags, litter pickers, gloves etc. and collection of waste.

Work with the business community and the Chambers of Commerce in developing anti-litter initiatives, targeting the most common types of litter.

Use the Anti-Litter Awareness grant to co-fund suitable projects and campaigns in relation to litter.

Encourage Tidy Towns Committees to work with area staff with regard to street cleaning, and organise litter picking prior to grass cutting.

Promote 'Green Your Festival' to organisers of local festivals and events throughout the County.

Create more 'Litter Free Zones' in the County in co-operation with local businesses and community groups.

Work with the Public Participation Network to promote objectives of this litter plan through their network. Consider a partnership approach to work with the Environmental Pillar of the PPN to reduce litter and illegal dumping.

A staff member in Environment Section will continue to be the link person and co-ordinator for community groups.

Promoting the Plan

The Plan will be available on Roscommon Council Council's web site at www.roscommoncoco.ie

All departments in the County Council will be notified when this Plan is adopted

Staff in each Municipal District will receive copies of this Plan and their support in achieving its objectives will be sought.

Those who made submissions will receive copies of the Plan.

The Litter Plan will be made available through the Public Participation Network.

All Garda Stations will receive a copy of the Plan.

Social media will be used to promote this plan, as well as subsequent Roscommon County Council anti-litter programmes and initiatives.



Cloontuskert winner of 2019 Tidy Estates Competition.

Facilities provided by Roscommon County Council

The Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan provides a co-ordinated regional approach to waste management. Each County in the region has to provide recycling facilities for the public and introduce initiatives with regard to waste reduction and prevention.

Bring Banks

Roscommon County Council has to date provided Bring Banks at 39 locations throughout the County. These Banks take bottle glass (clear and coloured) and aluminium cans. Bring Banks are also provided at each of the four Civic Amenity Sites.

Appendix 9 shows list of Bring Banks in the County.

Civic Amenity Sites (CAS)

Four Civic Amenity Sites have now been provided in the County, located at Roscommon Town, Boyle, Castlerea and Ballaghaderreen.

These Civic Amenity sites take a wide range of household goods for recycling. Under the WEEE Regulations electrical white goods are accepted free of charge at each Civic Amenity Site.

Charges apply for use of the Civic Amenity Sites with different rates depending on vehicle type.

For goods not suitable for recycling Roscommon County Council sells refuse bags at €6.00 each (inclusive of VAT). These bags can be taken to Ballaghaderreen and Roscommon Civic Amenity Sites.

Appendix 10 sets out details of recyclables accepted at our Civic Amenity Sites, opening hours, contact phone numbers, details of charges and details of outlets selling Recycling Tickets and Roscommon County Council Refuse Bags.

A Large Goods Recycling Service has been provided at these sites where mattresses, divan beds, couches and armchairs are accepted – **Appendix 11** sets out further information in relation to Bulky Goods Recycling Service.

You will find everything you need and want to know about managing your waste responsibly, efficiently and in the way that suits you at **Appendix 12** mywaste.ie

Licenced Waste Collectors

There are five permitted refuse collectors operating in County Roscommon. These provide a segregated waste collection service to householders and businesses throughout the County.

Appendix 13 shows names, addresses and contact number for these Collectors.

Details of permitted waste collectors operating within County Roscommon can be accessed at the National Waste Collection Permit Office at www.nwcpo.ie

How to Report Littering

Roscommon County Council is dependent on the support of the public for reporting incidents of littering and want to make it as easy as possible for people to continue to report such offences.

Incidents of litter can be reported in the following ways:

Use Roscommon County Council's **Low Cost Litter Line 1850 L-I-T-T-E-R (54 88 37)** or 090 6637260

The low cost litter line is displayed on Roscommon County Council stationery, signs, and all promotional materials used by the Environment Section.



To log a litter issue go to www.roscommoncoco.ie and click **My Online Services** where you can register as a user, log and track your litter issue and receive email updates on its progress. Alternatively click on <https://roscommon-self.achieveservice.com/> to access Roscommon County Council online services.

A complaints form is available on Roscommon County Council's website at www.roscommoncoco.ie. This form can be forwarded to Environment Department, Roscommon County Council, Aras an Chontae, Roscommon or emailed to environment@roscommoncoco.ie

Use the www.roscommoncoco.ie **Fix Your Street** portal.



Use the EPA 'See It, Say It' brochure on how
to make an environmental complaint.

Use the iPhone App 'See it, Say it'



[National Environmental Complaints Line](#) (NECL) 1850 365 121



Binjamin at the Spring Clean Launch 2019

Monitoring Performance

Performance Indicators

NOAC (National Oversight and Audit Commission) was established in July 2014 under the 2014 Local Government Reform Act to provide independent oversight of the local government sector. An annual Performance Indicator Report is published by NOAC in relation to its function of scrutinising local authority performance against relevant indicators. Selected indicators of local authority activity in relation to some aspects of their wide ranging functions are collated and published annually in order to provide objective information on their performance. Roscommon County Council aims to continue to increase the areas that are unpolluted or litter free on an ongoing basis through achievement of the objectives set out in this plan. Other areas included in the table below that have an impact on Litter Pollution are the number of environmental complaints closed and the number or percentage of households availing of a three bin service. It is also our aim to continue to improve our performance in these areas on an ongoing basis.

Waste/Environment 2018 Indicators

E1	Number of percentage of households availing of a 3 bin service	
A	The number of households based on the 2016 census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at year end.	3.339
B	The % of households within the local authority that the number at A above represents.	13.93%
E2	Number of environmental pollution complaints closed.	
A1	Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during the year.	879
A2	Number of pollution cases closed during the year.	820
A3	Total number of cases on hand at year end.	200
E3	The % of local authority area within the five levels of litter pollution.	
A1	The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed was unpolluted or litter free.	17%
A2	The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed was slightly polluted.	83%
A3	The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed was moderately polluted.	0%
A4	The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed was significantly polluted.	0%
A5	The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed was grossly polluted.	0%
E4	The % of schools that have been awarded green flag status	70%

RMCEI (recommended minimum criteria for environmental inspections) Plan

The overall annual RMCEI plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities to ensure that Roscommon County Council complies with its obligations under Environmental legislation. The plan sets out the following targets for dealing with Litter Pollution in 2020.

Inspection Type	Planned for year
Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations (see Notes for definition)	500
Litter pollution Monitoring surveys	60
Litter pollution quantification surveys	20
Visits in relation to Green Schools programme	20
Providing support to community groups during litter clean ups	20
Judging Tidy Towns/Villages competitions	20
Other routine litter patrols/investigations (not included in above numbers)	0
Total Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations	640

It is our intention to report on Service Indicators and RMCEI outputs to the Environment Strategic Policy committee and the Council Plenary on an annual basis.

Conclusion

This Plan was prepared following public consultation and a review of the 2015 -2018 Litter Plan. The criteria for making a Litter Plan as specified in the Litter Act was also taken into account.

The purpose of this Plan is to achieve a combined effort, involving the County Council, voluntary and business sectors, and every citizen in the county to raise awareness, reduce the sources, and punish the offenders of litter pollution.

The Plan sets out objectives, measurable targets and strategies by which it is hoped to achieve them.

Reporting on an annual basis to the Elected Representatives and SPC members on progress achieved will act as an ongoing assessment of implementation of the Plan.

Through the dual approach of education and enforcement, and by implementing the strategies outlined in this Plan, it is hoped to greatly reduce the problem of litter pollution in this County.

In the end it is up to each one of us to ensure that we keep our County clean and litter free.

Appendix 1

Legislative Background

In preparing this Litter Plan Roscommon County Council is guided by the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended which sets out the criteria for making or reviewing a Litter Plan. The legislation prescribes specific minimum components to be included in the Litter Plan. Chiefly the Plan has to:

- Specify objectives appropriate to Prevent and Control Litter.
- Specify measures to encourage Public Awareness – with a view to eliminating litter pollution, including educational and information measures directed at young persons.
- Specify measures to be undertaken by the Local Authority to attain objectives of the Plan over its three-year life time.

The Plan should also include information on:

- An appraisal of all existing litter prevention and control programmes being operated by the local authority.
- The policies and objectives of the local authority in relation to the prevention and control of litter.
- The measures which in so far as the local authority can determine, will or may be taken during the relevant period by persons other than the Local Authority for the purposes of preventing and controlling litter.
- The facilities at which waste may be deposited by members of the public for recovery or disposal within the meaning of the Waste Management Act.

The procedure for making amending or replacing a Litter Management Plan is contained in Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. This procedure requires the Local Authority to publish a Draft Litter Plan. It must also publish a notice in a local newspaper of its intention to make a new Plan and broadcast on local radio. Consultation with local community and voluntary groups must also take place.

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OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LITTER ACT 1997, AS AMENDED

One of the key improvements brought about by the 1997 Litter Act is that it provides us with a legal definition of Litter. ***Litter Means:***

“a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act 1996, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous, or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit”.

In practical terms this includes everything from a spent match or cigarette end to an abandoned vehicle.

Amongst the most important provisions of the Act are the following:

- Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence and subject to an On the Spot Fine of €150 or a maximum of €3,000 in Court. Section 3(1).
- The owner or the person responsible for a place to which the public has access is obliged to keep the place free of litter, regardless of how the litter got there.
- The owner or occupier of property, which can be seen from a public place, is obliged to keep it free from litter – Section 6.
- The owner or occupier of premises within the speed limits of a town or village has responsibility to keep the footpath or margin adjoining a public road free of litter – Section 6 (4).
- It is an offence to create litter through the carrying on of a business, trade or activity or as a result of loading, transporting or handling any materials – Section 3(2).
- Household Refuse or Commercial Industrial waste must be presented in such a manner so as to not create litter – Section 3(2).
- Household, domestic and/or industrial waste must not be disposed of in Public Litter bins – Section 3(3).
- The owner or person in charge of a vehicle or skip is required to take measures to prevent the creation of litter – Section 4(2).

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- The placing of advertising materials on windscreens of cars without the prior consent of the owner of the vehicle is prohibited – Section 19(2).
- Placing of posters/signs on poles or other structures in public places unless the written permission of the owner is obtained in advance of putting up the posters/signs is an offence – Section 19(1).
- The promoter or organisers of large events are required to ensure that they have litter control measures in place at the venue and in the surrounding vicinity before, during and after the event. This applies to football matches, and other events which attract large crowds. The Local Authority may undertake this task but the promoter/organiser must bear the costs involved.
- Operators of Mobile Food Outlets are obliged to provide suitable litter bins at the vicinity of their outlets. They must clean up any litter arising from the operation of their business within a radius of 100 metres from their outlets.
- Dog Owners must remove their pets waste from public places and dispose of it in a proper manner. This obligation applies to:
 - Public Roads and Footpaths
 - Areas around Shopping Centres
 - Schools/Sports Grounds
 - Immediate Area surrounding another person's house
 - Beaches.

Appendix 2

STREET CLEANING COSTS 2019

Removal of litter is a major drain on Roscommon County Council resources in terms of street cleaning bin emptying and maintenance. In 2019 a total of €439,479.10 was spent on street cleaning. The figures listed below show the Street Cleaning Costs for each Engineering Area.

Roscommon	€151,902.12
Boyle	€ 62,000.00
Castlerea	€ 63,000.00
Ballaghaderreen	€ 64,548.70
Strokestown	€ 46,959.41
Athlone	€ 51,068.87
TOTAL	€439,479.10

Anti-Litter Activity Costs 2019

Expenditure 2019

Anti-Litter Activities Competitions Merchandise, Spring Clean, Green Schools.	€ 63,583.79
Litter Wardens Services (Staff & Associated Costs)	€ 110,170.60
Street Cleaning	€ 439,479.10
Legal Costs	€ 4,028.49

Revenue 2019

Litter Fines	€ 7,050.00
Costs awarded by Courts	€ 3,942.00
Anti-Litter Awareness Grant	€16,600.00
Anti-Dumping Initiative Grant	€95,972.58

Appendix 3

LITTER PLAN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

1. Kiltreevan Tidy Towns
2. Leave No Trace Ireland
3. Helen Southern, Ballaghaderreen
4. Cortober Residents Association
5. Cloontuskert Development & Tidy Towns Association CLG
6. Shane Cogan, Ballaghaderreen

Appendix 4

List of Registered Green Schools in Roscommon

School Name	Location
Abbey Community College	Boyle
Abbey Boys N.S	Roscommon Town
Abbeycarton N.S	Elphin
Athleague N.S	Athleague
Ardkeen N.S	Athlone
Aughrim N.S.	Carrick-on-Shannon
Attyrory N.S	Ballinasloe
Ballagh National School	Kilrooskey
Ballinlough N.S.	Roscommon
Ballintleva N.S	Athlone
Ballybay Central N.S	Athlone
Ballyfeeney N.S	Scramogue
Ballyforan National School	Ballinasloe
Ballymurray National School	Roscommon
Boyle Parochial School	Boyle
Brideswell N.S	Athlone
Brusna N.S	Ballaghaderreen
Camcloon N.S.	Athlone
Carrick N.S	Ballinlough
Castlerea Community School	Castlerea
Castlesampson N.S	Athlone
C.B.S Roscommon	Abbeytown
Cloonakilla National School	Athlone
Cloonbonniffe N.S	Castlerea
Clooncagh N.S	Strokestown
Cloonfad N.S	Ballyhaunis
Cloonfour N.S	Rooskey
Cloontuskert N.S	Lanesboro
Clonown N.S	Athlone
Cloverhill N.S	Cloverhill
Colaiste Chiarain	Athlone
Corrigeenroe NS	Boyle
Croghan N.S	Boyle
Curraghboy N.S	Athlone
Dangan N.S	Carrick-on-Shannon
Elphin Community College	Elphin
Fairymount N.S	Castlerea
Feevagh N.S.	Ballinasloe
Gaelscoil de hÍde	Ros Comain
Glanduff N.S	Athlone
Gorthaganny N.S	Castlerea
Killina N.S	Elphin
Kilronan N.S	Boyle
Kilteevan N.S	Kilteevan

Kiltristan N.S	Strokestown
Lecarrow Community National School	Lecarrow
Lisacul N.S	Castlerea
Lisaniskey N.S	Donamon
Lismoil N.S	Athlone
Meán Scoil Muire gan Smál	Roscommon
Monsignor McCarthy N.S	Athlone
Mount Talbot N.S	Mount Talbot
Naomh Atrachta	Boyle
Newtown N.S.	Ballinasloe
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel N.S.	Carrick-on-Shannon
Roscommon Community College	Roscommon
Rahara N.S	Athleague
Roxboro N.S	Derrane
Scoil Bhríde N.S	Fourmilehouse
Scoil Mhuire Lourdes	Castlerea
Scoil Mhuire	Carrick-on-Shannon
Scoil Mhuire	Lanesboro PO
Scoil Mhuire	Strokestown
Scoil Naomh Eoin	Boyle
Scoil na nAingil Naofa	Boyle
Scrabbagh NS	Carrick on Shannon
Slatta National School	Kilglass
Strabraggan N.S	Carrick-on-Shannon
St. Anne's N.S	Castlerea
St. Attracta's NS	Ballaghaderreen
St. Bríde's N.S	Castlerea
St. Comán's Wood Primary School	Roscommon
St. Ciaran's N.S	Athlone
St. Ciaráns N.S	Castlerea
St. Ciaran's N.S	Roscommon Town
St. Joseph's Primary School	Athlone
St. Joseph's B.N.S	Boyle
St. Lasairs N.S	Carrick-on-Shannon
St. Mary's N.S	Roscommon
St. Mary's N.S	Ballinagare
St. Mary's N.S	Castlerea
St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S	Boyle
St. Michael's N.S	Carrick-on-Shannon
St. Michael's School	Castlerea
S.N. Naomh Ceitheach	Ballymacurley
St. Nathy's College	Ballaghaderreen
St. Paul's N.S	Castlerea
St. Patrick's National School	Boyle
St. Patrick's N.S	Castlerea
St. Patricks Boys N.S	Strokestown
St. Ronan's N.S	Ballinasloe
Tarmon N.S	Castlerea
The Don N.S	Ballaghaderreen
Threen N.S	Castlerea
Tibohine NS	Frenchpark
Tisrara N.S	Four Roads
Tulsk National School	Castlerea
Whitehall NS	Roscommon

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St. Fidelma's Childcare Centre Tusk	Tusk
The Quad Youth Centre	Circular Road
Toddle in Playschool	Castlerea
Youthreach	Ballaghaderreen
Frenchpark and District Childcare	Castlerea

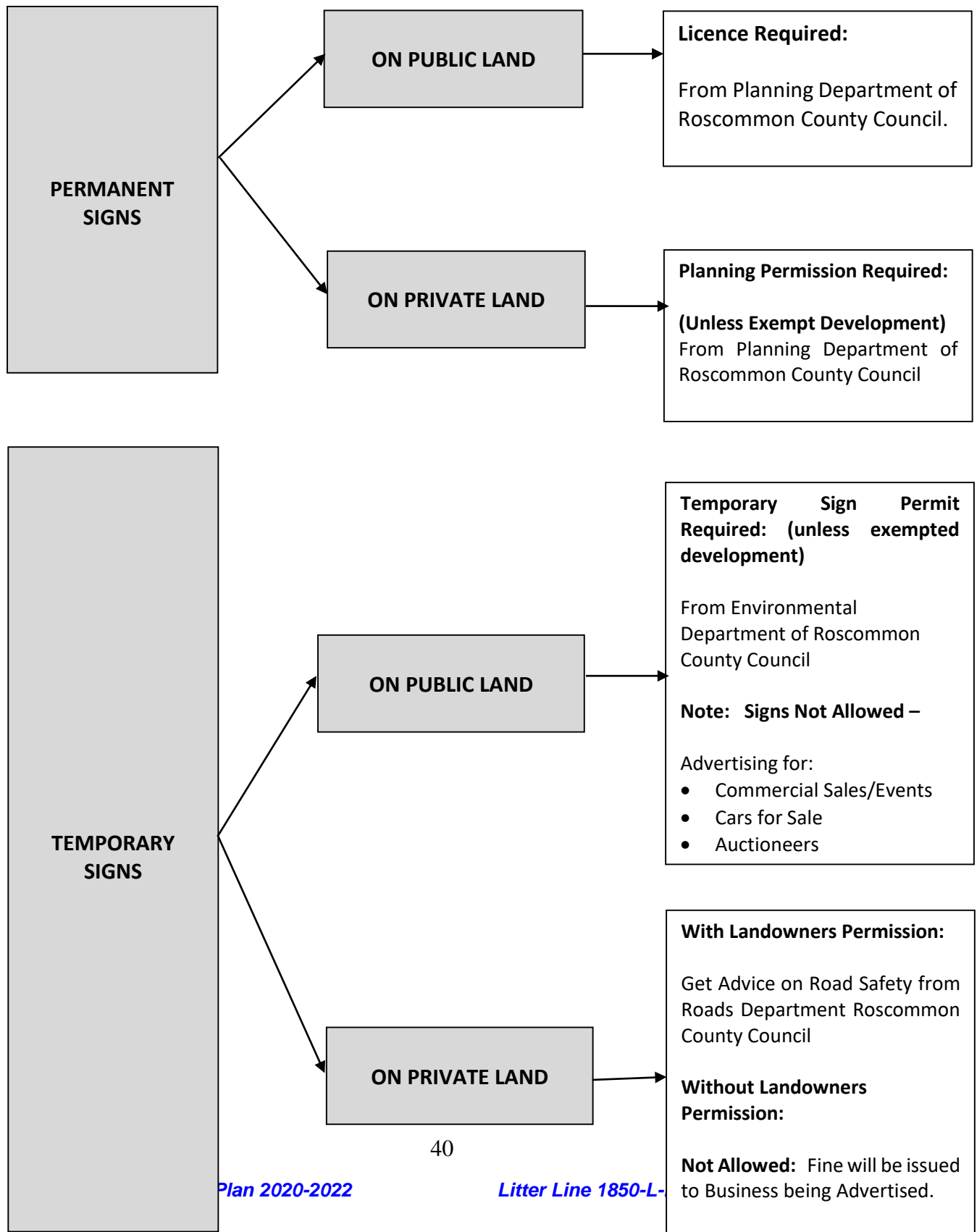
Appendix 5

Tidy Towns Results 2017, 2018 and 2019

	Litter Marks 2017	Litter Marks 2018	Litter Marks 2019
Town/Village	Maximum Marks 90	Maximum Marks 90	Maximum Marks 90
Athleague	52	53	53
Ballaghaderreen	42	42	43
Ballinlough	-	-	-
Ballintubber	66	66	67
Ballyfarnon	63	63	64
Ballyforan	53	54	54
Ballyleague	58	58	59
Bealnamullia	52	-	-
Boyle	50	50	51
Brideswell	60	60	61
Castlecoote	65	67	67
Cloonfad	46	46	47
Cloontuskert	69	69	69
Cootehall	50	51	52
Croghan	70	71	71
Curraghboy	66	67	68
Dysart	54	55	56
Frenchpark	-	-	-
Granlahan	-	-	52
Gortaganny	56	57	58
Keadue	63	63	63
Kilteevan	56	57	57
Knockcroghery	64	65	66
Lecarrow	65	66	66
Lisacul	63	64	64
Loughglynn	52	55	57
Moore	-	45	46
Monksland	48	-	49
Portrunny	52	51	52
Rooskey	64	65	66
Roscommon	57	58	59
Strokes town	48	50	51
Tarmonbarry	56	58	59
Tulsk	47	47	48

Appendix 6

Summary of policy on Advertising Signs



Appendix 7

SUMMARY OF WASTE STORAGE AND PRESENTATION BYE-LAWS

Roscommon County Council (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial) Bye-Laws 2019 came into force on 1st November 2019 and repeal the Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household Waste Bye-Laws 2008

They have been introduced so that they may facilitate efficient collection of waste, separation of waste at source. There is a provision for the imposition of a fixed payment penalty of €75 in respect of a contravention of the Bye-Laws. The main provisions of the Bye-Laws are:

- There is an obligation on all households to participate in a Waste Collection Service
- Waste shall not be presented to any person other than to an authorised waste collector.
- Documentary evidence such as receipts, statements or other proof of payment demonstrating compliance with these Bye-Laws should be retained by all households and commercial premises
- Containers used for the presentation of kerbside waste shall be maintained in such condition and state of repair that the waste placed therein will not be a source of nuisance or litter
- Other than on the day before the designated waste collection day, containers used for presentation of waste shall be held within the curtilage of the premises where the waste is produced
- Household kerbside waste shall only be presented for collection in an appropriate waste container, it shall not be over-loaded and the lid shall be securely closed. No waste shall be presented on top of the lid or adjacent to the waste container
- Waste presented for collection shall not be presented for collection earlier than 6pm on the day immediately preceding the designated waste collection day
- Hazardous waste or waste electrical and electronic equipment shall not be presented for kerbside collection
- All recyclables must be separated at source and presented for collection in appropriate receptacle
- Household kerbside waste should be segregated into residual kerbside waste and recyclable household waste
- Where a dwelling is situated within an agglomeration >500 persons' waste shall be segregated into residual household waste, recyclable waste and food waste.
- Where an occupier of a dwelling is not participating in a household kerbside waste collection the following applies
 - Recyclable waste should be segregated and taken to an authorised treatment facility
 - Residual household waste should be segregated and taken to an authorised treatment facility
 - Documentation including receipts should be obtained and retained for a period of no less than one year to provide proof that waste removed from the premises has been managed in a manner that conforms to these bye-laws

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Provisions affecting Multi-user Buildings, Apartment Blocks, etc.

A management company, or another person if there is no such company, who exercises control and supervision of residential and/or commercial activities in multi-unit developments, mixed-use developments, flats or apartment blocks, combined living/working spaces or other similar complexes shall ensure that:

- separate receptacles of adequate size and number are provided for the proper segregation, storage and collection of recyclable household kerbside waste and residual household kerbside waste
- additional receptacles are provided for the segregation, storage and collection of food waste where this practice is a requirement of the national legislation on food waste,
- the receptacles referred to above are located both within any individual apartment and at the place where waste is stored prior to its collection,
- any place where waste is to be stored prior to collection is secure, accessible at all times by tenants and other occupiers and is not accessible by any other person other than an authorised waste collector,
- written information is provided to each tenant or other occupier about the arrangements for waste separation, segregation, storage and presentation prior to collection,
- an authorised waste collector is engaged to service the receptacles referred to in this section of these bye-laws, with documentary evidence, such as receipts, statements or other proof of payment, demonstrating the existence of this engagement being retained for a period of no less than two years.
- receptacles for kerbside waste are presented for collection on the designated waste collection day,
- adequate access and egress onto and from the premises by waste collection vehicles is maintained.

Additional Provisions for Commercial Waste

- Commercial waste shall not be deposited at any bring facility provided by or on behalf of Roscommon County Council.

Any person that contravenes the Bye Laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be subject to prosecution or fixed payment fine of €75. Contravention of the Bye Laws after conviction may be subject to a fine not exceeding €500 per day.

These guidelines do not purport to be a legal interpretation of the provisions of the bye laws but are only intended to guide and assist.

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SCHEDULE 1. Recyclable Kerbside Waste		
Paper	Aluminium Cans	Plastic Bottles (PET 1)
Newspapers	Drink cans	Mineral bottles
Magazines	Soda & beer cans	Water bottles
Junk mail		Mouthwash bottles
Envelopes	Steel cans	Salad dressing bottles
Paper	Pet food cans	
Phone books	Food cans	Plastic Bottles (HDPE2)
Catalogues	Biscuit tins	Milk bottles
Tissue boxes	Soup tins	Juice bottles
Sugar bags		Cosmetic bottles
Calendars	Cardboard	Shampoo bottles
Diaries	Food boxes	Household cleaning bottles
Letters	Cereal boxes	Laundry detergent bottles
Computer paper	Kitchen towel tubes	Window cleaning bottles
Used beverage & juice cartons	Parcel boxes	Bathroom bottles
Milk cartons		
Egg boxes	Plastic Pots, Trays & Tubs	
Holiday brochures	Yogurt pots	
Paper potato bags	Margarine tubs	
	Rigid food trays	
	Liquid soap containers	
<i>For Further Information go to www.mywaste.ie</i>		

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<i>Schedule 2</i>
<i>Agglomerates > 500 Persons</i>
<i>Monksland/Athlone</i> <i>Beagh/Ballinasloe</i> <i>Roscommon</i> <i>Castlerea</i> <i>Ballyleague/Lanesborough</i> <i>Strokestown</i> <i>Rooskey</i> <i>Elphin</i> <i>Ballaghaderreen</i> <i>Boyle</i> <i>Cortober/Carrick on Shannon</i>

These guidelines do not purport to be a legal interpretation of the provisions of the bye laws but are only intended to guide and assist.

The complete Waste Presentation & Storage Bye-Laws are available on Roscommon on Roscommon County Council's website at www.roscommoncoco.ie

Appendix 8

STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE IN EACH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL AREA

Town	Cleaning Schedule
Roscommon town	6 days per week, including Sunday
Ballyleague	5 days per week
Knockcroghery	Weekly
Ballintubber	3 days per week (Gateway staff)
Castlerea	6 days per week
Cloonfad	Weekly
Ballinlough	Weekly
Loughglynn	Weekly

BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Town	Cleaning Schedule
Boyle town	6 days per week, including Sunday
Cortober	3 Times a week
Doon Shore Amenity	Twice a Week
Viewing Horse	Twice a Week
Ardcarne & Asylin Cemeteries	Weekly
Killukan Water Fall	Weekly
Ballyfarnon, Keadue, Arigna Bottle Banks	Weekly
Strokestown	Bins Emptied twice weekly Road sweeper as required.
Elphin	Bins emptied twice a week & street cleaned 5 days a week (most weeks) Road sweeper as required.
Rooskey	Bins emptied twice a week Road sweeper as required.
Tarmonbary	Bins emptied twice a week. Road sweeper as required.
Tulsk	Bins emptied twice a week. Road sweeper as required.
Ballaghaderreen	Bins Emptied and swept 3 times per week
Ballinagare	Bins emptied once an week Swept as required
Frenchpark	Bins emptied and swept once per week

ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT


Town	Cleaning Schedule
Monksland	3 days per week.
Hudson Bay	Daily and Bins emptied three times a week
Lecarrow	Once per week. Bins emptied twice a week
Athleague	Once a fortnight
Ballyforan	Once a fortnight
Mount Talbot	Once a fortnight
Four Roads	Once a fortnight
Curraghboy	Once a fortnight
Town	Cleaning Schedule
Dysart	Once a fortnight
Ballinasloe	Once a fortnight

Appendix 9


List of Bring Bank Sites in County Roscommon.

LOCATION	No. OF BANKS	RECYCLABLES COLLECTED.
Arigna	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Athleague	7	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Ballaghaderreen	12	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Ballinaheglish	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Ballinlough	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Ballintobber	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Ballyfarnon	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Ballyforan	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Ballyleague	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Boyle	9	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Castlecoote	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Castleplunkett	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Cloonfad	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Cloonycolgan	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Cloverhill	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Creagh	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Curraghaboy	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Corrigeenroe	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Monksland	11	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Dysart	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Elphin	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Four Roads	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Frenchpark	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Granlahan	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Gortaganny	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Keadue	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Kiltoom	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Knockcroghery	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Knockvicar	8	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Lecarrow	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Loughglynn	4	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Moore	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Rahara	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Rooskey	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Roscommon	9	Glass, Aluminium Cans
Strokestown	6	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Taughmaconnell	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Termonbarry	5	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles
Tulsk	7	Glass, Aluminium Cans & Textiles

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL CIVIC AMENITY SITES




BIN NUMBER 1
Plastic Bottles
Plastic Bags
Plastic Containers
Food Cartons
Aluminium Cans
Steel Cans
Biscuit Tins




DRY RECYCLABLES ARE
 NOW COLLECTED IN
 TWO CONTAINERS ONLY

Only clean household
packaging will be accepted




BIN NUMBER 2
Tetra Packs
Cardboard
Newspapers
Office/Shredded Paper
Magazines
Books
Junk Mail & All Envelopes


Other materials accepted at each site




Glass
Clear, green & brown




Electrical items




Timber/metal




Polystyrene




Clothes




Oil
Cooking Oil & Motor Oil



Bulbs
Flourescent & CFL bulbs



Aerosols



Paints
Thinners, Varnishes & White Spirits

Wastes that cannot be accepted for recycling



Anything with an explosive symbol



Commercial waste



Materials that can't be identified



Carpets, Lino & Mattresses



Medical or veterinary waste



C&D Waste inc. asbestos, gypsum, plasterboard & flat glass



If in doubt contact the Environment Department (see bottom of page)

Roscommon County Council Blue Refuse bags for general household waste are accepted at ROSCOMMON & BALLAGHADERREEN CIVIC AMENITY SITES ONLY



Anything with a Plug or a Battery is **FREE** to recycle including Batteries (& Car Batteries)

OPENING HOURS

ROSCOMMON CIVIC AMENITY SITE

(Located at Old Landfill Site, Lanesborough Rd)

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Open through Lunch

BALLAGHADERREEN CIVIC AMENITY SITE

(Located at Old Landfill Site, Aghalustia)

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Closed Lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm

BOYLE CIVIC AMENITY SITE

(Located at Station Rd, Tarmon)

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Closed Lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm

CASTLEREA CIVIC AMENITY SITE

(Located at Castlereah Demesne)

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Closed Lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm

All Sites Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Roscommon County Council
 Environment Department
 Tel: 090 6637260 | www.roscommoncoco.ie





ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

Recycling tickets and pre-paid blue refuse bags are available for Purchase from the following outlets



ROSCOMMON AREA

Environment Office, Roscommon 090 6637260
Molloys Main Street, Roscommon
Supervalu, Main Street, Roscommon
Timothy Londis, Abbeytown, Roscommon
W. Walsh, Castle St, Roscommon

REFUSE BAGS

✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

TICKETS

✓
✓
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BALLAGHADERREEN AREA

Ballaghaderreen Area Office 094 9860073
Imelda Towey, Main Street, Ballaghaderreen
Towey's Costcutt, Dublin Road, Ballaghaderreen
James Lavin, Newsround, Ballaghaderreen

REFUSE BAGS

✓
✓
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✓

TICKETS

✓
✓
✓
✓

BOYLE AREA

Boyle Area Office 071 9662101
Cooney's Centra, Greatmeadow, Boyle
Connaught Gold, Station Rd, Boyle
Kelly Londis, The Crescent

REFUSE BAGS

✓
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x
x

TICKETS

✓
✓
✓
✓

CASTLEREA AREA

Castlerea Area Office 094 9620022
Robert Flynn, Castlerea
Cahill's Supervalu, Castlerea
Scahill Stores, Castlerea

REFUSE BAGS

✓
x
x
x

TICKETS

✓
✓
✓
✓

STROKESTOWN AREA

Strokestown Area Office 071 9633016

REFUSE BAGS

✓

TICKETS

✓

CHARGES FOR ENTRY TO CIVIC AMENITY SITES

Car/Small Van

€14 for book of 4 tickets

Car/Trailer/Large Van/
SUV/Small Van & Trailer

€7 per ticket

Large Van & Trailer/Jeep & Trailer/
SUV & Trailer

€10 per ticket

Refuse Bags,
Roscommon & Ballaghaderreen only

€6.00 per Bag

Please retain your receipts. All prices inclusive of VAT.

Appendix 10 cont.

Hazardous Waste Disposal – Roscommon County Council Civic Amenity Sites – Three items only per €3.50 recycling ticket.

Appendix 11



Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



Roscommon County Council Bulky Goods Recycling Service

The following items **ONLY** are now being accepted at our Civic Amenity Sites located in Ballaghaderreen, Boyle, Castlerea & Roscommon (**Items must be CLEAN & DRY**)

Couch	€25.00 per item
Arm Chair	€15.00 per item
Mattress	€15.00 per item
Divan Bed-base	€10.00 per item

Payment to use this service can be made at all Roscommon County Council Offices during office hours - Monday to Friday 9:15 am to 5:30 pm. All offices closed for lunch 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Civic Amenity Sites (CAS) are open Monday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm except Roscommon CAS which is open through lunch

Patrons availing of this service are advised that under Health & Safety policy, Roscommon County Council staff are not permitted to assist with lifting bulky goods.

Please note that the Bulky Goods Recycling Service is for householders only.

Appendix 12

My Waste.ie

**OUR INSPECTORS
ARE CURRENTLY
MONITORING YOUR
AREA. AVOID A FINE
BY STAYING WASTE
COMPLIANT.**

**€75 ON THE
SPOT FINE**

All Local Authorities
are adopting similar
Bye-Laws ensuring a
consistent approach
to managing waste
across Ireland.



You will find everything
you need and want to
know about managing
your waste responsibly,
efficiently and in the
way that suits you at
www.mywaste.ie

Browse this site for
your local waste
services, bring banks,
recycling facilities along
with ways to help you
prevent waste, reuse
and upcycle.

mywaste

**ARE YOU WASTE
COMPLIANT?**

YOU MUST USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS


KERBSIDE COLLECTION

OR


AUTHORISED WASTE FACILITY

ROS COM
Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Find out more at www.mywaste.ie

FAQs

DO THESE BYE-LAWS APPLY TO ME?

Yes: these bye-laws will apply to all households, apartments and commercial premises.

HOW DO I COMPLY WITH THE BYE-LAWS?

In order to manage your waste correctly you need to be able to prove that:

You have a contract in place with an authorised waste collector (bin sharing is permitted for which proof of agreement is required);

OR

You can demonstrate regular use of an authorised waste facility.

* check out www.mywaste.ie to find your local authorised waste facility

WHY DO WE NEED THESE BYE-LAWS?

- To help you manage your waste in an environmentally acceptable manner;
- To ensure that your waste is only given to an authorised door-to-door waste collector or brought to an authorised waste facility;
- To help ensure your waste is correctly segregated;
- To reduce illegal dumping and backyard burning.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T COMPLY?

If you fail to comply with any of the requirements of the bye-laws it may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (Maximum €75) being issued by this Local Authority or a member of An Garda Síochána. It may also lead to a fine on conviction of up to €2,500.

WHAT DO I DO IF I LIVE IN A MANAGED APARTMENT COMPLEX?

The bye-laws will still apply; the management company is to ensure adequate containers are provided for residual and recyclable wastes in designated waste storage points. They are also obliged to provide you with the written information regarding the arrangements in place. Segregation within the apartments will be the responsibility of the occupant, in order for the segregated system to work all apartments must play their part.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO DO?

Yes: you must segregate recyclable waste from your residual waste and present these separately. If you are living in an urban area, small town or village with a population of over 500 you must also segregate your food waste.

Appendix 13

Details of permitted Waste Collectors operating in County Roscommon

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
AES Advanced Environmental Solutions (Ireland) Ltd.	C/o Bord na Mona, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare	045 439000
BARNA RECYCLING	Carrowbrowne, Headford Road, Galway, Co. Galway	091 771619 sales@BanaRecycling.com
MULLEADY'S LTD.	Cloonaugh, Drumlish, Co. Longford	043 3324128 / 3324145 info@mulleadys.com
OXIGEN ENVIRONMENTAL	Barnan, Rhode, Co. Offaly	0818 694436 midlands@oxigen.ie
PANDA/W.E.R.S.	Weir Rd. Business Park Tuam, Co. Galway H54 N672 Panda Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 24.	1890 229377 Info@werswaste.ie 01 829 8992 Info.wheelie@panda.ie