

Your Guide to  
**HOUSEHOLD**  
**WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**& RECYCLING**  
**IN COUNTY**  
**ROSCOMMON**



# INTRODUCTION

Roscommon is a sanctuary of wildflower meadows, native woodlands, peat bogs, turloughs, rivers and lakes. It is the perfect place to escape into nature. Each one of us has a part to play in making sure our beautiful County is preserved and protected.

The ambition of the guide is to encourage sustainable consumption and reduction of waste being sent to landfill or for incineration. This guide will provide advice to households on waste disposal and recycling options available in County Roscommon, with an emphasis on waste reduction, reuse, recycling and the circular economy.



## **Disclaimer:**

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# MANAGING YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Check out the options for managing your household waste and recycling.

## DO YOU?

- Always use an Authorised Waste Collector\*?
- Have a waste collection service?
- Have a 2-bin kerbside collection (residual waste and household recycling)?
- Have a 3-bin kerbside collection (residual waste, household recycling and food waste recycling)?
- Use local bring banks for glass bottles/jars, aluminium drinks cans and textiles?
- Use local Civic Amenity Sites?
- Home compost?
- Take back electrical and electronic items to the shop free of charge when making a new purchase?
- Recycle electrical and electronic items at the local Civic Amenity Site free of charge?
- Take used batteries back to battery retailers for recycling, no purchase necessary (keep an eye out for the Blue Box)

## DID YOU KNOW?

\*An Authorised Waste Collector is a person or company authorised by the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) to collect waste subject to certain conditions. It is a criminal offence for any person or business to give their waste to an unauthorised waste collector. Penalties on conviction can be up to €5,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

# WASTE PREVENTION

The best way to manage waste is not to produce it in the first place. Reducing waste means using fewer resources, reducing consumption and buying less.

## HERE ARE A FEW ACTIONS WE CAN ALL TAKE TO REDUCE THE WASTE THAT WE PRODUCE



### REFUSE SINGLE USE

Use reusable items - including bottles, lunchboxes, cups and bags.



### USE LOCAL BUSINESSES

Offering refill services.



### CHOOSE PRE-LOVED CLOTHES

Visit a charity shop or a clothes swap event.



### THINK REPAIR

Can it be fixed first?

### AVOID JUNK MAIL

Unsubscribe/ put a "No Junk Mail" sticker on your letter box.

### CHOOSE LESS PACKAGING

Say no to plastic and buy loose fruit and veg.

### TRY UPCYCLING

Give something old a new lease of life.

### CHECK OUT mywaste.ie

To get some excellent tips and information on reuse, greener cleaning and greener gardening.



### FOR LOTS MORE WASTE PREVENTION IDEAS VISIT:

- > [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- > [www.repairmystuff.ie](http://www.repairmystuff.ie)
- > [www.refill.ie](http://www.refill.ie)
- > [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)





# WASTE PRESENTATION BYE-LAWS



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

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](http://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.

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

**mywaste**

**ARE YOU WASTE  
COMPLIANT?**

YOU MUST USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS



KERBSIDE COLLECTION

OR



AUTHORISED WASTE FACILITY

Ireland's guide to waste

**mywaste**



# WASTE PRESENTATION BYE-LAWS

## 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.

## HOW DO I COMPLY WITH 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.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO DO?

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Kerbside waste presented for collection shall not be presented for collection earlier than 6:00pm on the day immediately preceding the designated waste collection day.
- ▶ All Containers used for the presentation of the kerbside waste and any uncollected waste shall be removed from any roadway, footway, footpath or any other public place no later than 9:00am on the day following the designated waste collection day.

# WASTE PRESENTATION BYE-LAWS

## 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 waste 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.

## 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.



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL  
WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES VISIT:**

- > [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- > [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/  
services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)



# HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING BIN

## (BLUE BIN)

A kerbside waste collection service is provided for householders in County Roscommon by private waste collectors. A waste collector must have a valid waste collection permit to collect waste in Roscommon. Waste collectors provide a segregated waste collection system - they collect general waste, mixed dry recycling and food waste.

### What can be placed in the Blue Bin?

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Magazines/Brochures
- ✓ Soft Plastics (Bags/Wrappers etc)
- ✓ Rigid Plastics  
(Plastic Bottles/Tubs etc)
- ✓ Tetra Pak (Cartons)
- ✓ Food Tins (Steel)
- ✓ Drinks Cans (Aluminium)
- ✗ **NO GLASS**



**All Recycling should be Clean, Dry & Loose.**

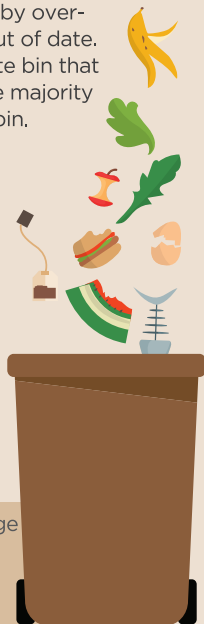
# FOOD WASTE RECYCLING BIN (BROWN BIN)

All households in Ireland produce food waste. Some of it is unavoidable such as vegetable peelings and bones. Some households also produce unavoidable food waste by over-buying food or not using up food before it goes out of date. If you have been provided with a brown food waste bin that is collected at the kerbside, then you can place the majority of your uncooked and cooked food waste in that bin.

## What can be placed in the Brown Bin?

- ✓ Uncooked food waste
- ✓ Cooked food waste
- ✓ Leftover food and plate scrapings
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish and bones
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Egg products
- ✓ Coffee grinds and tea bags
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables

We fully support home composting and encourage householders to use a home compost bin to manage their garden waste and uncooked vegetable food waste.



**Always remember** to remove packaging before placing food waste into the brown bin.

**Use a compostable liner** or some paper to keep your kitchen bin clean. Do not use a plastic bag.

# RESIDUAL WASTE BIN

## (BLACK BIN)

Use your residual waste bin for all household waste that cannot be recycled or composted.

### What can be placed in the Black Bin?

- ✓ Contaminated /dirty packaging or containers
- ✓ Food contaminated packaging
- ✓ Ashes (cold)
- ✓ Toothpaste tubes
- ✓ Sanitary Waste
- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Ceramics



SEARCH FOR WASTE COLLECTORS AT:

> [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT SHOULD GO INTO YOUR BINS AT:

> [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)

HANDY HINTS AND TIPS:

> [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie)

# BRING BANKS

There are currently 38 bring bank sites located across County Roscommon, which facilitate the recycling of glass jars/bottles and aluminium drinks cans. Textile banks are located at a number of these sites.

## Follow this advice when using the bring bank sites:

### DO

- ✔ Ensure all glass jars/bottles and aluminium drinks cans you place in the bring banks are clean.
- ✔ Make sure any household textiles are clean before putting them in the textile bank for recycling.
- ✔ If the bring banks are full, please use an alternative site or come back another day.
- ✔ Bring your bags and boxes home to reuse them.

### DON'T

- ✗ Place any ceramics, tiles, mirrors or pyrex in the banks.

### NEVER

- ✗ Leave rubbish or leave empty boxes or bags behind at the bottle banks, this is considered illegal dumping. The on-the-spot litter fine is currently €150.



TO FIND YOUR NEAREST BRING BANK SITE VISIT:

- > [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)
- > [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)



# CIVIC AMENITY SITE CHARGES

County Roscommon Civic Amenity Sites operate a **white**, **green** and **yellow** ticket system for disposing of recyclable and some hazardous household waste items. All tickets and **blue refuse bags** for general residual household waste are available for purchase at local outlets throughout County Roscommon.



**Blue Refuse Bag**



**White Ticket**



**Green Ticket**



**Yellow Ticket**

## STANDARD CHARGES

CAR/SMALL VAN



CAR/SMALL VAN & TRAILER



OR



LARGE VAN/JEEP



OR



LARGE VAN/JEEP & TRAILER



## OTHER/HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

AEROSOLS, PAINT, THINNER, WHITE  
SPIRIT & VARNISH (max. 3 items)



MOTOR OIL (max. 10 litres)



COOKING OIL (max. 10 litres)



**GENERAL RESIDUAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

(Ballaghaderreen & Roscommon Town Civic Amenity Sites only)











## WHERE TO PURCHASE RECYCLING TICKETS & BLUE REFUSE BAGS

Recycling tickets and blue bags for general residual household waste are available for purchase from the following outlets:





### ROSCOMMON

-   Cash Office, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon County Council
-   Molloy's, Main Street
-   Supervalu, Main Street
-   Timothy's Londis, Abbeytown
-   Walsh's Texaco Centra, Castle Street
-   McNeill's Foodstore, Abbey Street







### BALLAGHADERREEN

-   Imelda Towey, Main Street
-   Towey's Top Oil, Dublin Road
-   Newsround, Barrack Street



### BOYLE

-   Cooney's Centra, Greatmeadow
-   Homeland Agri, Station Road

### CASTLEREA

-   Robert Flynn, Main Street
-   Cahill's Supervalu, Main Street
-   Scahill's Store, St. Patricks Street

### STROKESTOWN

-   McGuinness/Cosgrove Supervalu, Elphin Road

Outlets selling recycling tickets and blue refuse bags are subject to change.

# CIVIC AMENITY SITE CHARGES

## FREE RECYCLING

- ▶ Mixed Glass – Bottles and Jars
- ▶ Aluminium Cans
- ▶ Textiles/Wearable Clothes/Wearable Shoes in Pairs
- ▶ All Waste Electrical and Electronic Appliances (WEEE)
- ▶ Batteries (Including farm fence batteries, rechargeable vape and e-cigarette devices)
- ▶ Mobile Phones
- ▶ Bulbs



# CIVIC AMENITY SITE CHARGES

Pre-sort your items before visiting the Civic Amenity Sites, all packaging for recycling should be clean, dry and loose. A recycling ticket needs to be purchased to dispose of any of the following items.

## CHARGEABLE RECYCLING

- ✦ All Soft Plastics
- ✦ Paper, Cardboard and Books
- ✦ Steel Cans and Biscuit Tins
- ✦ Tetra Packs
- ✦ Scrap Metal
- ✦ Waste Wood/Timber
- ✦ Polystyrene
- ✦ Motor Oil
- ✦ Cooking Oil
- ✦ Paints, Thinner, White Spirits and Varnish
- ✦ Aerosols

## OTHER CHARGES



General Residual Household Waste\*

**\*Can only be disposed of at Ballaghaderreen and Roscommon Civic Amenity Sites on purchase of blue refuse bags**



**FOR UP TO DATE OUTLETS AND CHARGES VISIT:**

**> [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment)**



## LOCATIONS AND OPENING HOURS OF CIVIC AMENITY SITES

There are **four Civic Amenity Sites in County Roscommon** located at **Ballaghaderreen, Boyle, Castlereagh and Roscommon**. These Civic Amenity Sites are for the recycling of household waste only.

**Only clean and dry household recycling will be accepted.**

### OPENING TIMES

**Monday:** 8am - 4pm

**Tuesday - Thursday:** CLOSED

**Friday & Saturday:** 8am - 4pm

**CLOSED** 1pm - 1.30pm\*

**CLOSED ON BANK HOLIDAYS**

**\*All Civic Amenity Sites close for lunch except Roscommon**





*Dream of change!*

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Give your waste electricals,  
batteries and bulbs a new life!  
**Recycle for FREE!**

# WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (WEEE) IS ANYTHING THAT HAS A PLUG OR BATTERY AND IS AT THE END OF ITS USEFUL LIFE

**WEEE must not be placed in household bins due to the hazardous nature of such items.**

- ⚡ When you purchase a new electrical, electronic or battery operated appliance or piece of equipment the retailer or supplier is required to take back your old appliance or equipment similar to the appliance or equipment you purchased, free of charge.
- ⚡ You can also recycle batteries, fluorescent tubes and anything electric or electronic (with a plug or battery) at your local Civic Amenity Site - check out the information on pages 12-16 about Civic Amenity Sites in Roscommon.
- ⚡ Every battery you recycle in the blue WEEE Ireland battery boxes helps raise vital funds for LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice.
- ⚡ Small Things Matter, small items with a plug or battery can be recycled for free too!

## Some Simple Advice

- Before disposing of WEEE consider repairing it
- Retailers of batteries take back similar type batteries, no purchase necessary
- Some large electrical retailers take back WEEE without any purchase



**TO FIND ADDITIONAL WEEE INFORMATION VISIT:**  
➤ [www.weeeireland.ie](http://www.weeeireland.ie)



# HOME COMPOSTING AND GREEN WASTE

Home compost bins are suitable for anyone looking to start composting items like fruit, veg, eggshells, teabags and grass cuttings. It is a great way to reduce this type of waste from your bins. You may also be interested in other composting techniques such as compost piles, wormeries and other systems. Compost is rich in nutrients and when used in your garden and on your plants, feeds the ecosystem of the soil and slowly releases nutrients that plants can absorb.

Green waste should be separated out from other waste and you should choose one or more of the following options to deal with it:

- Use a compost bin or compost heap and compost in your own garden.
- Invest in a mulching mower.
- Hire a shredder and shred hedge clipping and branches and make your own bark mulch.
- Hire a skip from an authorised waste collector.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOME COMPOSTING SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES VISIT:**

- > [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie)
- > [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- > [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)

# ELV's – END OF LIFE VEHICLES

## THINKING OF DISPOSING OF AN OLD VEHICLE, TWO THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Have I engaged an authorised end-of-life vehicle operator who can ensure my vehicle is dealt with and disposed of in line with legislation, regulations and in a way that protects the environment?
- Will the operator provide me with a certificate of destruction (COD) for my records so that I can demonstrate that I have met my obligations under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended as the registered owner of the vehicle? CODs are also required for claiming any motor tax back that you may be eligible for.



**SCRAP YOUR CAR OR SMALL VAN WITH ONE OF  
THE AUTHORISED TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE  
ELVES NETWORK:**

**> [www.elves.ie](http://www.elves.ie)**





# BACKYARD BURNING

**BACKYARD BURNING REFERS TO THE UNCONTROLLED BURNING OF WASTE.**

It also refers to the burning of any waste in:

- Open fires
- Ranges
- Other solid fuel appliances or in the open

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN HOUSEHOLD OR GARDEN WASTE IN ANY WAY OR AT ANY TIME.**

Burning waste in your home or garden can damage your health, as well as that of your children and your neighbours. Such illegal practices lead to the release of toxic dioxins which are a real hazard for people's health and the environment.

If your neighbour or someone else you see is illegally burning waste, then in the interest of your own health and the environment, please report it. Please find information on how to report illegal burning of waste on page 25.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BACKYARD BURNING VISIT:**

- > [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)
- > [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)

# UNAUTHORISED WASTE COLLECTORS

# BEWARE!

It is a criminal offence for any person or business to give their waste to an unauthorised waste collector. **Penalties on conviction can be up to €5,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.**

You must always ensure that any company or person you engage to collect your waste possesses a valid Waste Collection Permit. Any reputable waste collector is obliged to display the waste collection permit number on all vehicles, flyers and receipts. You can check if the waste collector is authorised on the National Waste Collection Permit Office website - [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie)

Unauthorised waste collectors may not dispose of your waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner, often the waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean up costs and potential prosecution of the original waste owner.



**IF YOU SUSPECT THAT AN ILLEGAL WASTE COLLECTOR IS OPERATING IN YOUR AREA OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT DEPT: 090 6637100**

**Report illegal dumping to 1800 588888  
or email [environment@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:environment@roscommoncoco.ie)**

# FARM PLASTICS RECYCLING

Irish Farm Film Producers Group CLG (IFFPG) is Ireland's only government-licensed recycling compliance scheme, responsible for providing an efficient and cost-effective farm plastics recycling service to farmers nationwide. IFFPG collects both at the farmyard and at bring-centres.

## Options available to dispose of farm plastics correctly:

- ▶ **Farmyard Collections** – Organise a collection directly from your farmyard through IFFPG.
- ▶ **Bring Centres** – One or two day events, arranged by the IFFPG, to which farmers can bring their farm plastics for recycling each year.
- ▶ **Authorised Waste Collectors** – waste collectors collecting farm plastic must be authorised in their collection permit to collect farm plastics and deliver it to an authorised waste facility.



- Please secure load of plastic before hauling plastic into local bring centres
- Chemical drums need to be triple rinsed
- Oil drums are not accepted
- Farm plastics that can be collected for recycling include silage wrap/pit covers, fertiliser/feed bags (liners removed) chemical containers, netting and twine.



### FULL LIST OF IFFPG BRING CENTRE COLLECTION POINTS:

> [www.farmplastics.ie/pick-up-dates/](http://www.farmplastics.ie/pick-up-dates/)

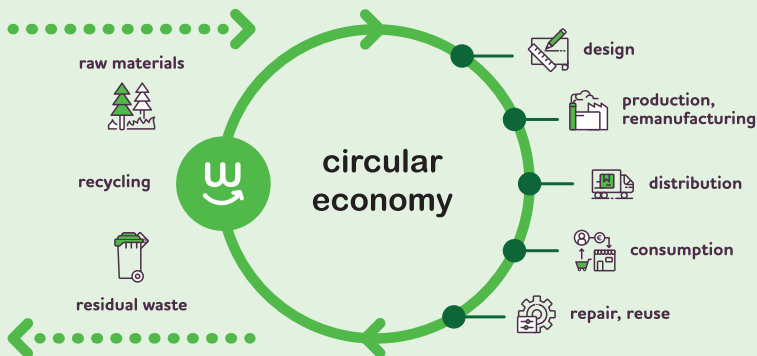
### SEARCH FOR AUTHORISED WASTE COLLECTORS AT:

> [www.nwcpcp.ie](http://www.nwcpcp.ie)

### SEARCH TRIPLE RINSE GUIDE FOR ADVICE ON MANAGING EMPTY PESTICIDE AND DAIRY HYGIENE CONTAINERS

> [www.epa.ie/publications/](http://www.epa.ie/publications/)

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY



We are moving towards a circular economy to eliminate waste and pollution and protect habitats – based on long-life products that can be renewed, reused, repaired, upgraded and refurbished.

A circular economy supports climate action, Sustainable Development Goals and environmental protection.

Simple day to day actions like using a reusable cup for a coffee on the go, donating to a charity shop, or having a pair of shoes repaired instead of throwing them away are all simple examples of extending a product's lifespan through re-use and/or repair.



## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:

- > [www.rediscoverycentre.ie](http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie)
- > [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- > [www.repairmystuff.ie](http://www.repairmystuff.ie)
- > [www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/circular-economy/](http://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/circular-economy/)



# REPORT IT



Options for reporting unauthorised waste activity:



Use Roscommon County Council online services at:  
<https://roscommon-self.achieveservice.com/>



Call Roscommon County Council Environment Department on:  
090 6637100 or call our Illegal dumping phone line at 1800  
588888



Email Roscommon County Council Environment Department at:  
[environment@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:environment@roscommoncoco.ie)



Call EPA National Environmental Complaints Line on:  
1800365123



Use EPA's "See it? Say it?" smartphone app



**Roscommon County Council is committed to  
thoroughly investigating all reports received.**



# CONTACT US

## ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

**Call:** 090 6637100

**Email:** [environment@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:environment@roscommoncoco.ie)

**Website:** [www.roscommoncoco.ie](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie)

## FIND MORE RESOURCES:

- Roscommon County Council – [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/environment/)
- mywaste – [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- National Waste Collection Permit Office – [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie)
- EPA – [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)
- WEEE Ireland – [www.weeeireland.ie](http://www.weeeireland.ie)
- Refill – [www.refill.ie](http://www.refill.ie)
- Stop Food Waste – [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie)
- Repair my Stuff – [www.repairmystuff.ie](http://www.repairmystuff.ie)
- Rediscovery Centre – [www.rediscoverycentre.ie](http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie)
- End of Life Vehicle Compliance Scheme (ELVES) – [www.elves.ie](http://www.elves.ie)
- Irish Farm Film Producers Group CLG (IFFPG) – [www.farmplastics.ie](http://www.farmplastics.ie)

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read our Guide. If you are finished with this guide, please pass it on to someone else or make sure you recycle it!

Please keep an eye on the various websites mentioned in the guidebook for the most up to date information.