

TIP 2: AVOID UNNECESSARY PURCHASES TO REDUCE IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.

Before buying, ask yourself if you truly need it. Prioritise repairing or reusing items.

TIP 1: VISIT MYWASTE.IE TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT MANAGING WASTE IN IRELAND

Mywaste.ie is Ireland's official guide to managing waste. You will find out how and where to dispose of your waste.

TIP 3: WASH AND DRY SOFT PLASTICS BEFORE PLACING THEM IN YOUR GREEN BIN

Recycling contamination occurs when items that cannot be recycled are mixed in with recyclable materials.

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RECYCLING

Did You Know?

Did you know that greasy pizza boxes can contaminate a recycling bin and cause an entire truck-load of recyclable waste to no longer be suitable for recycling?

TIP 4: DON'T RECYCLE ANYTHING SMALLER THAN A CREDIT CARD

Small items such as straws, bottle caps or coffee pods are too small to be sorted and can get stuck in the recycling equipment.

TIP 5: FOLLOW THE WASTE HIERARCHY

Reduce first, then reuse, and recycle only when needed.

Additional Resources

- Local Government Ireland - Household Waste Management
- Ireland's official guide to managing waste at home or in the workplace - My Waste - <https://mywaste.ie/>
- Learn about Ireland's Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026- 2028- <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-climate-energy-and-the-environment/publications/whole-of-government-circular-economy-strategy-2026-2028-accelerating-action/>

