

Tips for Waste Prevention:

Here are a number of ways that householders can reduce their waste collection costs under the new pay by weight system:

1. Bring your glass bottles and jars to your local bring bank. Check your local county council website for locations or use the search facility on REPAK's website here: <https://www.repak.ie/for-consumers/facilities-search/> .
2. Bring electrical or electronic waste to your local electrical store or your local civic amenity site, where it will be taken free of charge. Check out WEEE Ireland's website <http://www.weeeireland.ie/consumers/> for further details.
3. Try to minimise your food waste by buying the right quantities for your household. Beware of 'two for one' offers if you know or suspect that you won't consume all of it before it degrades. Make smoothies or juice drinks from over-ripe fruit before it goes off. See www.stopfoodwaste.ie for more advice on preventing food waste.
4. Keep your garden waste in your garden. Grass clippings and leaves can be piled in a corner or under a hedge where they will degrade naturally. Home composting is a great way to manage garden waste and also food waste such as peelings from fruit and vegetables (do not put meat or fish in composting bins). There is an excellent guide on home composting available at www.stopfoodwaste.ie .
5. Keep the ashes from your fire in your garden. This is very important as hot ashes can cause fires at waste transfer stations.
6. Try to buy products with less packaging, when possible.
7. Bring your old clothes to textile banks where they will be collected for recycling. These are often provided at Bring Centres and at Civic Amenity sites.
8. Consider getting value out of old household goods or clothes by selling them on-line for re-use (www.donedeal.ie , www.ebay.ie , www.adverts.ie , etc.) or by offering them free on www.freetrade.ie if they have low value.