

HAVE A VERY GREEN CHRISTMAS

Put Preventing Waste top of your list this festive season



did you know that we create more waste and use more electricity and water over the festive season than at any other time of the year? On average, we throw out about 1/3 of all the food we buy, and this doubles and even triples for some families over Christmas. BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. With a little care and attention you can enjoy a wonderful festive season while also contributing towards safeguarding the environment. **Here are some practical tips to help you reduce your carbon footprint this Christmas:**

GO LOCAL

Support your local markets, stalls and shops for handmade crafts, local foods and beverages. You'll be boosting the local economy, and you'll be doing your bit for the environment.

BUY LOCAL PRODUCE

Reducing the carbon footprint relating to your Christmas dinner is attributable to the production and distribution of the ingredients. So try the 100-mile diet: buy

foods/products that are produced within 100 miles of your home. You'll be amazed at the diversity of local food producers you'll find.

OPT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Lots of batteries are purchased at this time of year. Choose a battery recharger and rechargeable batteries – it's a great gift for someone who has everything. Remember to recycle all non-rechargeable batteries at your local store.

AVOID UNWANTED GIFTS

Drop hints to your family and friends that you'd like an 'experience gift' or vouchers. This will cut down on waste and packaging.

DON'T RUBBISH IT, RE-USE IT

Check out the new website www.freezeireland.ie and post up items you no longer need. You might be able to pick up something for free too.

SIMPLE IS STYLISH

Wrap any gifts you're giving in newspaper and cut out all that wrapping paper. A few smart bows will help create that elegant look.

LESS WASTE, MORE SAVINGS

Buy only as much food as you need. Don't worry: The shops will re-open. Don't forget to bring your reusable bag with you when shopping.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Check out the www.stopfoodwaste.ie website. Make the most of the food you prepare over Christmas; you'll find great recipes to use up your leftovers on this website.

CHECK OUT SAVVY STORAGE TIPS

You'll also discover how best to store perishable foods on www.stopfoodwaste.ie

KEEP IT REAL

Use real crockery instead of disposable crockery. Most of us love entertaining over the festive season; using real crockery will add a stylish touch to your party and at the same time cut out lots of waste being generated.

TURN DOWN AND SWITCH OFF

During Christmas we all spend more time in our homes or visiting family members or friends at their homes. While it's important that we all stay warm, it may be possible to turn down your heat by 1°C. Remember: Switch off your lights and appliances when you're not using them.

ALWAYS USE THE RIGHT BIN

Remember to put your food waste in your brown bin or compost and your recycling in the appropriate recycling bin.

Christmas & New Year Opening Hours Recycling Centres 2010/2011

Killarney and Miltown Transfer Stations & Civic Amenity Centres

Wednesday, December 22nd Open
Thursday, December 23rd Open, Closed to the Public by 14.30
BOTH CENTRES CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH
Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st Open
BOTH CENTRES CLOSED JANUARY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
Tuesday, January 4th Open

Kenmare and Caherciveen Transfer Stations & Civic Amenity Centres

Wednesday, December 22nd Open
Thursday, December 23rd Open, Closed to the Public by 13.00
BOTH CENTRES CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH
Friday, December 31st Open
BOTH CENTRES CLOSED JANUARY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
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Dingle Transfer Stations & Civic Amenity Centre

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Thursday, December 30th Open
CENTRE CLOSED DECEMBER 31ST, JANUARY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
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North Kerry Landfill

Wednesday, December 22nd and Thursday, December 23rd Open
LANDFILL CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH
Friday, December 31st Open
LANDFILL CLOSED JANUARY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
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