LDA at Home

Waste Management



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Welcome to LDA at Home

LDA at Home is a collection of practical, easy-to-use guides designed to make moving into your new home easier.
Each handbook in this series explores a different topic, from new technologies in the home to biodiversity, sustainability, and more.

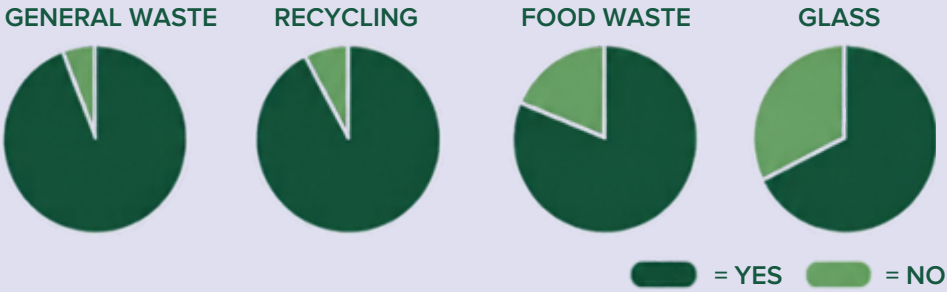
In this booklet, we focus on how you can reduce your environmental impact through effective waste management. You'll discover practical steps to minimise waste, recycle correctly, and make more sustainable choices in your everyday life.

All our booklets can be found in our ‘Resident Knowledge’ section on our website: www.LDA.ie

Resident satisfaction

We carried out a survey for residents living in LDA properties to see what you thought of your waste collections. Here are the results:

Do you have separate bins in your apartment for:



How satisfied are you with the frequency of your ....



General Waste Collection

88%

Recycling Waste Collection

92%

Food Waste and Organics Collection

87%

Glass Waste Collection

71%

Waste in numbers

Ireland currently recycles approximately 30% of the plastic waste generated across the country. Achieving future recycling goals will require significant progress, as the European Union has set ambitious packaging recycling targets of 50% by 2025 and 55% by 2030.

Irish households generate 1,900kg of waste annually. In our directly managed schemes, households produce just 343kg, well below average.

However, only 29% is recycled or composted, highlighting the need for better waste segregation.

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Tonnes of waste generated by Irish households each year

OUR TARGET

We want to decrease the amount of recyclable and biodegradable waste that ends up in our general waste bins. We can't do it alone, we need your help!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- Establish a **multi-bin system** in your apartment
- **Rinse** your recyclables before binning
- **Donate** old clothes to charity shops/ clothes banks
- Never mix **batteries, vapes or lightbulbs** in general waste.

Top tips for better segregation



Small changes to how you sort your waste can make a big difference to what gets recycled.

Know your bins: check what can and can't go in each bin in your area

Rinse recyclables: give food containers a quick rinse to keep recycling clean and reduce odours

Keep materials separate: don't put recyclables in plastic bags, leave them loose

Flatten cardboard: break down boxes to save space

Keep food waste separate: fruit, vegetables, tea bags and coffee grounds can go in your organics bin

Donate or repair first: clothes and furniture can be donated instead of thrown away

E-waste and batteries: these don't go in general waste, bring them to a designated collection point for safe recycling

When in doubt, find out: if you're unsure where an item belongs, check your local recycling guidance rather than guessing

Guidance on what goes in each bin can be found on the back page

Bulky items



1 What are bulky items

Bulky items refer to large household items that cannot fit in standard domestic bins. It includes furniture, mattresses, carpets, large toys and bicycles.

2 How to deal with bulky items waste

Donate or sell
If your item is in good condition, consider reusing it before throwing it away.

Bring to a recycling centre
Your local recycling centre accepts everything from carpets and sofas to broken electrical waste. Use MyWaste.ie to locate your nearest drop-off point.

Local authority collection
Many city and county councils operate a pre-booked bulky item collection for a nominal fee. You can apply directly through your local council's online portal.

3 Top Tips

Assess & Act: a simple fix can extend its life. Your trash can be someone's treasure.

Think Sustainability: consider your impact; upcycle, donate or recycle where possible.

Plan Ahead: if you know a move-in date, organise a bulky item collection ahead of time.

Electrical waste



1 What is E-Waste

Anything that needs a battery or a power supply to work is considered electrical or electronic equipment (EEE). Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is electrical and electronic equipment that is broken or not wanted anymore.

Common electrical and electronic waste items: fridges, washing machines, toasters, irons, hairdryers, phones, laptops, electric toothbrushes, screwdrivers, toys, batteries and more.

2 How do I recycle WEEE?

You can bring your waste electrical and electronic equipment to an authorised collection point, such as a local recycling centre.

WEEE should not be put in landfill sites because of the harmful substances they contain.

3 Batteries and Vapes

You can bring batteries and vapes to your local recycling centre and blue battery box.

You can find blue battery boxes in:

- Local recycling centres
- Newsagents
- Supermarkets
- Schools
- Workplaces

Batteries and vapes are combustible and pose a serious fire risk if not disposed of properly.

What goes in each bin?

DRY MIXED RECYCLING
What can go into a recycling bin?



Newspapers


Drink Cans & Food Tins



Magazines


Flattened Cardboard


Plastic Bottles, Plastc Containers or TETRA-PAK


All Plastic Packaging

All Recycables must be washed clean!

ORGANIC WASTE
What can go into an organic bin?


Vegetables


Cooked Meat & Fish


Green Waste


Coffee & Tea Bags


Packaged Foods (Without Packaging)


Kitchen Roll & Napkins

Clear or compostable bags must be used to contain waste in your organic bin

100% GLASS ONLY
All food jars must be washed clean


Bottles, Jars etc


No Window Pane Glass


No Crushed Glass


No Pint or Drinking Glasses


No Plastic or Cardboard


No Plates/ Cups

GENERAL WASTE BIN
What can go into a general waste bin?


Plates & Mop Heads


Black Bag Waste


Cigarette Butts


Polystyrene Cups


Hygiene Products


Vacuum Contents

Always try to Reuse & Recycle your waste

Did you know?

Black bin bags in your recycling, glass or organics bins are contamination!



Alternative languages can be found in our 'Resident Knowledge' section on our website: www.LDA.ie

Links to guidance and alternative languages



Where to find more information

Visit your waste collector's website for more information on your collections:

- www.keygreen.ie
- www.weeeireland.ie
- www.mywaste.ie
- www.mrbinman.com
- www.panda.ie



Link to alternative languages

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