

European week for Waste Reduction

The European week for waste reduction will run from 20th to 28th November 2010, with the focus on prevention of physical waste.

If waste is not generated, then it doesn't need to be collected, treated, or disposed of. Furthermore, waste prevention reduces energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and other environmental impacts. Waste prevention makes sense - environmentally, economically and...financially!

Deirdre Cox, Environmental Awareness Officer for North Tipperary County Council said: "We're urging residents across North Tipperary to reduce the amount of waste produced. North Tipperary residents are already recycling and composting much of their waste. But we could be doing even better by reducing and preventing waste in the first place."

Household waste has doubled in weight in 40 years and has been growing steadily at a rate of 1 to 2% per year. 522kg of municipal waste is generated on average per person in Ireland. This waste is the result of non-sustainable modes of production and consumption. Furthermore, the consumption of products (including their production, transport and distribution), represents nearly 50% of emissions contributing to climate change.

The message of the waste reduction week is that everyone can take action.

Each day, at home, in the office or at school, while doing the shopping or DIY, every one of us can take up simple actions to reduce our production of waste.

11 good habits for reducing waste!

Opt for reusable bags

Put a « No Junk Mail » sticker on your letterbox

Avoid food waste

Buy in bulk or in large-size packaging

Buy eco-rechargeable or refillable products

Drink tap water

Restrict printer usage

Start composting

Donate old clothing

Borrow or hire tools

Repair goods and appliances

Spreagann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh an pobal le Laghdú,
le hAthúsáid agus le hAthchúrsáil an oiread agus is féidir.

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