

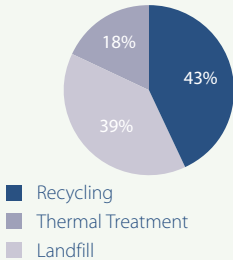
North East Waste Management Plan Review

The local authorities in Counties **Meath**, **Louth**, **Monaghan** and **Cavan** adopted the North East Region Waste Management Plan in 2001...



... this is your opportunity to express your views on how the plan should be implemented over the next five years.

Waste Management Targets for the North East Region (2013)



The Waste Management Plan, in accordance with government policy set ambitious targets to be achieved over a 15-year time frame with a review of the plan after 5 years. The five years are almost up and its time to take stock and review progress – what has been achieved and what still needs to be done.

The waste policy for the North East is and will be in keeping with European and National policies i.e. target waste reduction; maximise waste recycling; recover energy from waste that cannot be recycled and keep landfill to a minimum.



WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR?

Waste Minimisation

- Environmental awareness officers in each local authority
- Waste management targets set for industry
- Switching to pay by use for household refuse collections (2005)
- Waste collectors regulated
- Polluter pays principle applied to all waste producers

Waste Recycling

- Door to door collection of dry recyclables - 51,000 households
- 119 bring banks have been supplied (out of a proposed 192)
- 5 recycling centres have been built (out of a proposed 10)
- 3 Materials recovery facilities (MRF)
- 2 Green waste composting facilities
- Biological treatment facility for organic waste - in progress

- Hazardous waste mobile collections
- Farm plastics recovery scheme in operation

Waste Recovery

- Thermal treatment plant – in progress

Waste Disposal

- Improvements and extension of three existing facilities
- New facility under development

WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

As you can see a lot has been achieved in the past five years in the North East Region. At the time of the plan being adopted there was no 'door-to-door' collection of recyclables, now the North East region is diverting approximately 14,000 tonnes of recyclable material from landfill each year.

There have been significant developments in waste prevention over the last five years; there is now an Environmental Awareness Officer in each local authority working with schools,

community and businesses to encourage the Reduce Reuse Recycle philosophy. There are 5 recycling centres and the increasing number of bring banks throughout the region have made recycling more accessible and user friendly.

Progress has also been made in relation to waste recovery and disposal.

- **So what else would you like to see happen in your county?**
- **What is stopping you as a householder, from reducing waste, recycling, composting?**

- **What do you think needs to happen to ensure more source separation occurs throughout the region?**
- **What infrastructure and support does your business need to be better able to reduce and recycle more?**

Your feedback is important to this review process and we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us with your ideas (contact details overleaf).

Please note: the deadline for receipt of feedback is the end of November 2004.



