

LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 – 2011

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1.0 Executive Summary

Table 1 Summary of the litter prevention, control and alleviation measures. Current initiatives are also shown, in addition to those which are proposed to be undertaken during 2008 to 2011

Litter Prevention, Control & Alleviation Measures	Current Initiatives	Proposed Initiatives
1. Public Awareness & Advisory Measures	Leitrim County Council website www.leitrimcoco.ie	Expand / supplement environment page
	Local press, cinema and radio advertising	Increase/supplement present advertising
	Appropriate anti litter signage	Continue
	Environmental Education Officer (EAO)	Continue with current support role for community groups, businesses and schools
	Distribute anti gum litter materials	Participate in National Gum Litter Campaign
	Car Litter Campaign	Continue to distribute car bin litter materials
2. Youth Education Measures	Green Schools Programme	Continue and support schools to achieve Green Flag status for waste and litter projects
		Develop Litter Management Plans with each of the Secondary Schools for control of litter in schools grounds and vicinity
	School Photograph / Poster competitions	Continue and expand
	Other Youth Education projects	Develop anti litter projects with youth clubs (eg. Foroige)
3. Community And Voluntary Group Cooperative Measures	Anti-litter Awareness Grant Programme	Continue all support, financial and otherwise
	Adopt a Road/Adopt a Bring Bank	Continue, increase promotion and participation
	Tidy Towns Committees	Continue/maintain support
4. Litter Prevention, Control & Alleviation Measures	Current Initiatives	Proposed Initiatives
Enforcement Measures	Litter Wardens - enforcement	Employ minimum of two full-time equivalent wardens as a priority
	Environmental Enforcement Officers	Continue with current litter control and prevention strategies
	Environmental Hotline 1890 205 205	Further promotion of the environmental hotline service

	National Litter Monitoring Body	Conduct annual surveys and publish results locally
	Litter Bye-Laws	Continue awareness and enforcement of litter byelaws
	Litter Pollution Act Enforcement	Prosecute all offenders when sufficient evidence is available
5. Active Control Measures	Routine of bin-emptying, street sweeping and cleaning undertaken as efficiently as possible	Continue and improve insofar as possible
		Annual review of bin maintenance, location and quantity
		Implement compartmentalised litter bin for recycling of paper and plastic
6. Miscellaneous Measures	Local authority staff awareness	Educate all Council employees on litter pollution and encourage cooperation on all litter initiatives as part of Action at Work including Staff Adopt a Road schemes

1.1 Background

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 requires that each Local Authority shall make and implement a Litter Management Plan in respect of its functional area. The plan is effective for a period of three years.

The quality of the local environment and in particular its litter management, are a visible barometer for the public in judging an area's attractiveness. Implementing best practice litter management is key to achieving Leitrim County Council's mission to develop Leitrim 'as a location of choice for people to live, work, invest and visit'.

1.2 Scope

This plan sets out Leitrim County Council objectives for the prevention and control of litter over the next three years and it specifies the strategies to be undertaken to attain the stated objectives.

The plan includes information on and prepared having regard to:

- Existing litter prevention and control measures being carried out by Leitrim County Council
- Community involvement in the prevention and control of litter
- Enforcement activities under the Litter Pollution Act 1997
- Submissions received from Public Consultation (to be included in the final plan)

1.3 Format

The objectives and strategies deemed necessary to prevent and control the generation of litter within County Leitrim will be identified under the following five key areas:

1. Education and Awareness
2. Litter Prevention and Control
3. Enforcement of Litter Act 1997
4. Community Involvement / External Agencies

1.4 Definition of Litter

Section 2 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 defines litter as

“a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act 1996, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit”.

Litter refers to any substance or object improperly disposed of, including cigarette and chewing gum litter.

1.5 Current Status of Litter in County Leitrim

Litter is recognised as a nationwide problem. The National Litter Monitoring Body (TES, 2006) concluded that passing pedestrians were responsible for 35.6% of all litter polluting our country and over 80% of litter is cigarette and food related in origin. Packaging litter, paper and plastics are some examples of the remaining contributing litter. In addition to passing pedestrians, litter also originates from motorists, fast food outlets and retail outlets.

Litter Quantification and Litter Pollution Surveys are carried out by Leitrim County Council in the period March to December annually as part of the National Litter Pollution Monitoring. The surveys measure the composition and extent/severity of litter pollution respectively.

The results are compared to national results and aggregate results for all county councils.

The Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Anti-Litter League litter survey is conducted in areas of over 6,000 population. No town in County Leitrim is eligible to participate given the population criteria.

LITTER QUANTIFICATION SURVEY RESULTS

Cigarette litter and chewing gum litter represent the two main components of litter. Results from a total of eleven surveys have been used to compile the 2006 report. The main categories of litter are illustrated in Figure 2-1.

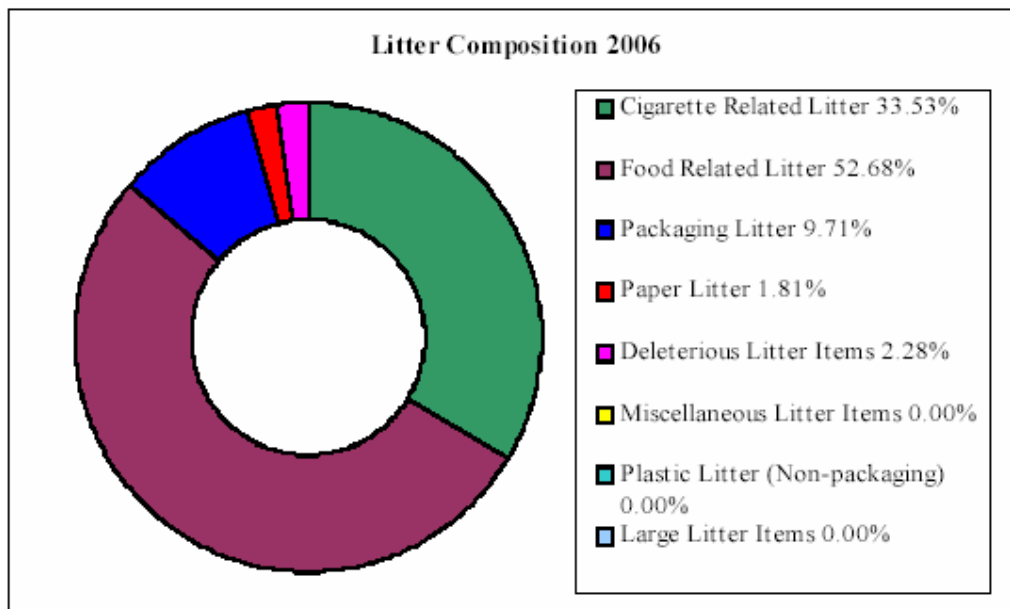


Figure 2-1 Composition of Litter Pollution in Leitrim County Council

RESULTS OF LITTER POLLUTION MONITORING 2007

	Passing Pedestrian	Passing Motorists	Retail Outlet	Gathering Point	Fastfood Outlet	Schools	Bus Stop	Places of Leisure/Entertain	Bank ATM	Fly-tipping/Dumping	Bus/ Train Station	Over-flowing Bins	Bring Bank
No.	14	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	67%	14%	5%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

RESULTS OF LITTER POLLUTION 2007

	Percentage of areas within the local authority area that are litter free	Percentage of areas within the local authority area that are slightly polluted	Percentage of areas within the local authority area that are moderately polluted	Percentage of areas within the local authority area that are significantly polluted	Percentage of areas within the local authority area that are grossly polluted	TOTAL
Leitrim County Council	4	14	4	0	0	22
Total	4	14	4	0	0	22
%	18%	64%	18%	0%	0%	100%

RESULTS OF LITTER POLLUTION 2005-2006

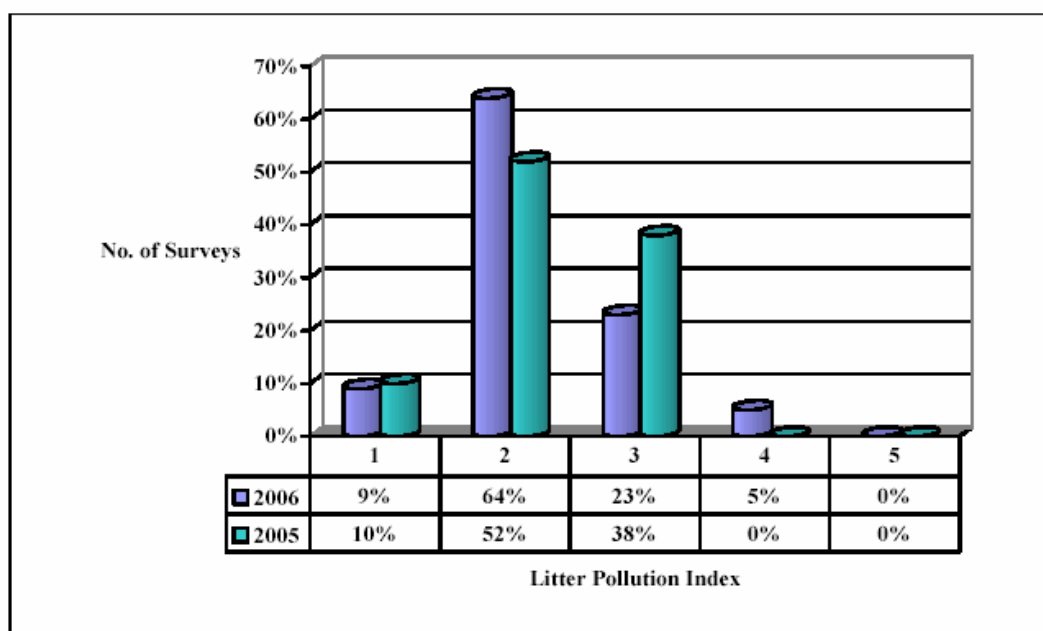


Figure 3-1 Litter Pollution Survey Results for Leitrim County Council, 2005 to 2006

Legend

- CAT 1 Unpolluted
- CAT 2 Slightly Polluted
- CAT 3 Moderately Polluted
- CAT 4 Significantly Polluted
- CAT 5 Grossly polluted

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

2.1 OVERVIEW:

The Council recognises the extent to which litter damages the environment and detracts from the clean green image enjoyed by County Leitrim.

2.2 OBJECTIVES:

To increase public awareness

- Among the general public
- Among specific target groups eg. smokers, motorists, young people

2.3 STRATEGIES:

2.3.1 Council Staff

Environmental Education Officer

The Council employs a full-time officer to raise public awareness on environment issues. This includes the generation of effective publicity for and maximising community participation in the Council's activities and initiatives in the area of litter management and control. Their duties include:

- Development and implementation of schools education programme;
- Liaison with community groups and local business groups;
- Implementation of the Litter Management and Waste Management Plans;
- Dealing with environmental queries.

Litter Warden Service

The Litter Warden service provides a visible presence for the Council's litter enforcement and control activity. The warden service was established with the support of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government pilot scheme and is now 100% funded by Leitrim County Council. In order to maintain current levels of enforcement activity, illegal dumping investigations, responses to environmental complaints and patrol of the county (which acts as a major deterrent) it is essential that the Litter Warden Service is maintained. This Plan recommends that the minimum level of service required is the equivalent of two full-time wardens. Flexible working arrangements to include weekends are necessary to control and enforce litter management. Opportunities to promote the positive role of the litter warden service will be availed of through the use of local media and through warden attendance at litter awareness events.

Administrative support

The Environmental Directorate administrative staff is trained to deal with queries from the public on its Environmental Hotline and enforcement follow-up is carried out in a professional and fair manner.

2.3.2 Publications

Annual Report

In accordance with Section 10(3) of the Litter Management Act 1997, a report on the implementation of the Litter Management Plan will be presented to the Council not later than 30th April each year for their consideration.

Litter and the Law

Leitrim County Council's website (www.leitrimcoco.ie) outlines the responsibility of individuals, property owners and businesses in relation to litter. A leaflet produced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government's information service, ENFO, on Litter and the Law is circulated to the general public through our public offices and libraries.

Public Awareness / Advertising

The Council will continue to make extensive use of local media to promote litter awareness generally and to publicise events such as National Spring Clean or anti-litter initiatives, and invite applications for annual schemes such as the Anti-Litter Awareness grants.

Website

The Environment Section will review the information currently available on the Council's website with the aim of improving the relevance and quality of information on the Council's anti-litter measures.

2.3.3 Schools Education Programme

The Council is committed to promoting responsible litter behaviour amongst young people, through an educational programme designed to highlight the negative environmental impact of litter and the possibility of practical and positive actions. The Council will consider applications for financial assistance for any litter-based projects being carried out by schools.

The Green Schools Programme

This international environmental awareness programme, which is administered by An Taisce, aims to promote whole school activity to develop environmental awareness in both the school itself and the wider community.

Twenty-six schools have attained Green Flag status within the county (status: May 2008), with a total of forty primary and secondary schools registered and participating in the programme. This Council has achieved a target participation rate of 90% in 2008.

The Council commits to continued support of Green Schools, assisting schools to implement the first theme of the programme, focussing on Litter and Waste; to achieve and maintain Green Flag status and to progress in the Green Schools programme.

School Visits

The Environmental Education Officer will continue to visit Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the county presenting on a wide range of environmental issues. Workshops and training on Litter and Waste will be offered to pupils and teachers.

Support Materials

In order to assist schools with litter clean-up campaigns the following items will be made available free of charge:

- Litter pickers
- Gloves
- Bin bags
- Environmental literature
- Litter collection service

Competitions

Leitrim County Council organisations competitions annually to raise awareness of litter. These have to date included poster and photo competitions and the publication of a schools' calendar on the litter theme for 2008.

Litter Management Plans for Secondary Schools

Leitrim County Council will assist each secondary school to develop a Litter Management Plan for the control and prevention of litter in its school and environs. It is proposed to meet with staff, boards of management, parents' committees, student councils and Green schools' committees to develop such a plan. Assistance will be offered in the implementation of waste audits, litter surveys and anti-litter activities.

3. LITTER PREVENTION & CONTROL

3.1 OVERVIEW:

Leitrim County Council has prime responsibility for ensuring that public roads in its functional area are free of litter and that all measures should be taken to ensure the prevention of the creation of litter in the county.

3.2 OBJECTIVES:

To ensure that the streets of towns and villages are adequately cleaned;
To ensure that illegally dumped material is removed from all public areas.

3.3 STRATEGIES:

3.3.1 Street Cleaning

The following programme of street cleaning will continue to operate using both mechanical and manual street cleaning methods.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
Carrick-on-Shannon	daily
Manorhamilton	twice weekly
Drumshanbo	twice weekly
Ballinamore	twice weekly
Mohill	twice weekly
Smaller villages	as the need arises, but at least once per fortnight

Every effort will be made to schedule the street cleaning on the same day in each location to assist in the removal of vehicles.

Additional street cleaning (SC) / litter picking (LP) will be carried as follows:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
Large towns (SC)	on Sunday mornings during the Summer season* On Monday mornings following bank holiday
National Primary routes (LP)	once every two months
Approach roads to towns (LP)	as required
Other roads (LP)	as required

* *Summer season refers to Easter to September inclusive.*

The above will be carried out in partnership with local community groups and with reference to the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System (section 3.3.4 below) and in conjunction with festival and other community events.

The Council commits to investigating all reported litter and to respond to all significant littering in urban areas within a 24 hour period (e.g. domestic rubbish dumped at bring banks or amenity areas).

3.3.2 Litter bins

While litter bin provision is important to ensure citizens have the opportunity to dispose of litter correctly, our approach is to encourage litter prevention and control as a response to litter problems, rather than an over-reliance on provision of bins to solve all litter problems. The Council will continue to provide and maintain litter bins in all towns within the county.

An annual review of the quantity, location and maintenance of public litter bins is recommended to ensure adequate functioning. The requirement for the provision of new bins, will be conducted in partnership with local community groups, Area Office Engineers and Tidy Towns committees. Town centres and routes to secondary schools will be prioritised in terms of locating new litterbins.

While a strict quantity of bins per metre of road or street may not be practically applicable, the review will serve to identify areas where additional bins are necessary.

The council will work with community groups to ensure an adequate response to bin maintenance. The council will welcome co-operation from community groups to assist in bin emptying outside normal working hours or during busy festival times.

This plan proposes to develop and adopt a Specification for Bins –for Local Authority and the private sector (voluntary). Standardised bins with no open top, small opening (to deter dumping of household waste), incorporating cigarette litter receptacle will be selected. Bins incorporating advertising will be considered.

The Council commits over the period of the plan, to installing and servicing a minimum of 6 new segregated public bins to provide for the collection of general litter, paper and plastic litter. The location of the bins will be determined by the results of the National Litter Pollution Monitoring Survey and in consultation with Area Engineers and the local community.

3.3.3 Illegal dumping

The illegal dumping of waste in public places will be monitored by the Litter Warden Service and where possible on-the-spot fines will continue to be issued. All reported incidences of illegal dumping will be investigated. Recovered waste will be removed by the Council and where significant, the cost will be recouped through the courts if possible.

3.3.4 National Litter Pollution Monitoring System

The Council will continue to implement the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System with a minimum of twelve litter quantification and twenty-four

litter pollution surveys carried out.

This information will be collated on a continuous basis during the year to identify litter blackspots, ensuring the effective use of limited resources.

The results are published as part of the Service Indicator reports in Leitrim County Council's Annual Report.

4. ENFORCEMENT

4.1 OVERVIEW:

Leitrim County Council will continue our commitment to enforcing all aspects of the Litter Pollution Act 1997. This Council will continue to exercise these powers in a firm and fair manner at all times.

4.2 OBJECTIVES:

To enforce anti litter legislation ensuring that litter offenders are penalised.

4.3 STRATEGIES:

4.3.1 Litter Warden Service

The Litter Wardens will continue to enforce the Litter Pollution Act 1997, primarily through the issue of on-the-spot fines. The Council will continue to prosecute people for non-payment of litter fines issued.

4.3.2 On-the-spot Litter Fines

Leitrim County Council issued 139 on-the-spot litter fines during 2007. Leitrim County Council will continue the policy of issuing on-the-spot litter fines for identifiable litter offences. The issue of litter at Recycling Bring Centres will also be dealt with where possible using the method of on-the-spot fines. Fines and prosecutions have been issued with evidence provided by the use of CCTV at bring banks.

4.3.3 Byelaws

Leitrim County Council introduced litter byelaws in 2005 to deal with litter problems caused by cigarette waste, fast food outlets and requires the provision and servicing of bins by premises generating litter. Under Section 57 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003, the byelaws have the power to oblige occupiers of retail premises and organisers of events to take measures to prevent / limit litter. A copy of the Byelaw is included in the Appendices to this document.

4.3.4 An Garda Síochána

The Community Wardens will request the assistance of local Gardai to enable them to carry out their duties in situations where it is deemed necessary.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

5.1 Overview:

The support of the wider community is vital if the litter problem is to be dealt with successfully, and the Council gratefully acknowledge the ongoing dedicated efforts of the very many concerned individuals and groups working to tackle the litter problem at a local level. To this end, the Council operate a number of schemes designed to assist local communities with financial aid, materials and equipment or any other support possible. The Council will continue to encourage all community-based initiatives and welcomes suggestions from all persons active in this area.

5.2 Objectives:

To seek the co-operation and assistance of local communities to assist in the prevention and control of litter.

5.3 Strategies:

5.3.1 Tidy Towns Competition

There is little doubt but that the problem of litter can only be overcome in the long-term by local communities becoming actively involved. The national Tidy Towns Competition is the best known and the most successful anti-litter competition.

Some towns and villages have made great progress in the annual Tidy Towns Competition. The Council will continue to support these groups and encourage other groups to also become involved.

It is proposed to develop a partnership approach to address litter prevention, between the District Engineer, a representative from the Environmental department, and the local Tidy Towns Committee. Formal arrangements will be put in place to ensure that these consultations will take place twice a year to agree a Litter Prevention Programme individual to each town or village.

5.3.2 Community Groups

The Council acknowledge the valuable role that community groups play in enhancing their local area and will facilitate all efforts in relation to litter prevention and control.

Leitrim County Council will consult on a yearly basis with Leitrim Community Forum to:

- Brief the Forum on current litter management, prevention / control issues and initiatives
- Address issues of concern to local communities

5.3.3 Business Community

In the context of implementation of the Litter Byelaws and to address the ongoing concerns of the business community in relation to litter, it is proposed to:

- Consult on a yearly basis with each Chamber of Commerce/Business Forum group
- Consult on a yearly basis with Vintners Association

The purpose of the above consultation will be to gain feedback on the success or otherwise of our initiatives / byelaws and to address any outstanding issues or concerns.

5.3.4 National Spring Clean

The Council will continue to support the National Spring Clean Campaign, which highlights the problem of litter and encourages communities to take responsibility for solving the problem through the carrying out of clean ups. It is important to note that only clean ups of public places, such as walks, road margins, streets, river / lakesides will be supported. While the Council very much encourages the clean up of private property, it does not fund such clean ups.

The Council will promote the Campaign through the local media and the Council website, with the aim of encouraging as many groups and individuals as possible to register and clean up litter blackspots in public places.

Cleaning materials, for example gloves, refuse bags, litter pickers etc will be provided free of charge to participants. When clean ups have been carried out the Council will arrange for the collection of waste and cover disposal charges. The Council will also return data relating to clean ups in Leitrim to An Taisce, who co-ordinate the campaign nationally.

5.3.5 Council Anti-Litter Competitions / Initiatives

The following competitions / initiatives are proposed on an annual basis to raise awareness of the need for litter prevention and control measures at county level:

- Adopt a Road
- Adopt a Bring Bank
- Tidy Estates competition and Floral Pride — are promoted in partnership with the Council's Housing and Community and Enterprise Directorates.

Adopt a Road involves business or community groups undertaking to litter pick along a designated stretch of road. Leitrim County Council provides the groups cleaning materials, signage, liaison with the council for collection of litter and a safety briefing. To date 23 groups are in operation.

The Adopt a Bring Bank is designed to tackle litter problems associated with bring bank facilities. The Adopt a Bring Bank groups litter pick in the vicinity of the bring bank and a grant of €500 is available for maintenance or clean-up work. To maintain a fully serviced network of 38 bring banks, groups alert the Council when the bottle banks need emptying or if significant littering or dumping has occurred. Leitrim County Council continues to service the bring banks as usual. To date 18 bring banks have been adopted through this scheme.

5.3.6 Targeted Anti-Litter Competitions

- Chewing Gum Litter
- Cigarette Litter
- Dog litter
- Car litter
- Election Posters
- Abandoned Cars

- Advertising

Gum Litter

Cigarette litter and chewing gum litter are the two major components of litter as recorded by annual litter monitoring surveys in Co. Leitrim. The litter bye-laws places responsibility with retailers to provide bins for litter associated with these items. Gum litter wrappers have been produced and distributed widely.

Leitrim County Council will participate in the 2008 National Gum Litter Taskforce campaign (www.gumlittertaskforce.ie). This will include education and awareness measures. The campaign aims to tackle gum litter in the most sustainable way - by changing behaviour, the root cause of the issue and by promoting the responsible disposal of gum.

Cigarette Litter

The council commits to continued and increased enforcement of the litter bye-laws obliging businesses contributing to the creation of this litter (retailer, pubs etc) to provide and maintain adequate cigarette litter receptacles. Any new public litter bins provided by the council will incorporate cigarette litter receptacles.

DOG LITTER

The Litter Pollution Act obliges pet owners to remove pet waste from public areas. Leitrim County Council proposes to erect dog fouling signs and dog litter bins in amenity areas, green areas in housing estates, playgrounds & public parks, as required and subject to resources. Dog litter clean up pouches are available free of charge from the council.

Car Litter

Fast food litter thrown from passing vehicles on country roads is a serious litter problem in the county. As a means of promoting responsible litter behaviour, Leitrim County Council distributes car bin bags and car stickers.

The results of this campaign will be monitored over the period of the plan.

Election Posters

This plan encourages politicians in national, local and European elections/referenda to enter into voluntary agreements with local community groups in control and placement of election posters in towns and villages.

Advertising

Litter caused by advertising will be addressed in accordance with provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997-2003 as follows:

- Placing of posters/signs on poles or other structures in public places unless the written permission of the owner is obtained in advance of putting up the

posters/signs is an offence – Section 19(1).

- The placing of advertising materials on Windscreens of Cars without the prior consent of the owner of the vehicle is prohibited – Section 19(2).

Abandoned Cars

Offences in relation to abandoned vehicles will be pursued by the Council in accordance with the Waste Management Acts 1997-2007. Arrangements to handle the collection process are in place and the Litter enforcement service work closely with the Garda in this regard.

CONTACT INFORMATION

1) Environmental Hotline 1890 205 205

2) Environment Section 071 9620005 (reception)

Director of Services	Martin Dolan	ext. 213
Senior Engineer	Brian Kenny	ext. 203
Senior Executive Officer	Carmelita Caslin	ext. 202
Environmental Education Officer	Áine Carr	ext. 228
Environmental Enforcement Officer	Sean Scott	ext. 327

3) Community Wardens

General contact no. 9641669

Caroline Matthews	086 3828253
Michael Reynolds	086 3828255
Patrick Leddy	086 3828518
Sean Logan	086 3828254

4) Area Engineering Offices (Street cleaning)

Carrick-on-Shannon Area Office	9631022
Manorhamilton Area Office	9855033
Dromahair Area Office	9164109
Ballinamore Area Office	9645356

5) Recycling Centres

Manorhamilton Civic Amenity Site, Sligo Road, Manorhamilton
Mohill Civic Amenity Site, Tullybraden, Mohill

Appendices

Byelaws to prevent the creation of and control litter within County Leitrim.

Take notice that in exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 57(1) and (2) of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 and Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, Leitrim County Council hereby make Byelaws to prevent the creation of and control litter within the administrative County of Leitrim.

BYELAWS

- 1) Promoters/Organisers of major events are required to submit a Litter Management Plan to the Local Authority for approval not less than three weeks before the event and this Litter Management Plan shall provide for:
 - Ongoing management of litter during the event;
 - Cleaning of public area after the event
 - Disposal of litter in an appropriate mannerLocal community events shall be deemed to have complied with this byelaw, provided that satisfactory consultation takes place with the relevant District Engineer, prior to the event.
- 2) The Occupier of any premises selling sweets, confectionery or other items likely to generate litter shall:
 - Provide a litter bin(s) immediately outside their business premises, of suitable design and size, with specifications to be approved in advance by the Local Authority;
 - Service this bin(s) and ensure its availability for use during business opening hours;
 - Provide suitable signage encouraging the use of said bin(s)
- 3) The Occupier of fast-food / takeaway food premises selling food for consumption off the premises shall:
 - Provide packaging/wrapping indicating the business trade name;
 - Discontinue to use tinfoil as a wrapping;
 - Provide a litter bin(s) immediately outside their business premises of suitable design and size, with specifications to be approved in advance by the Local Authority;
 - Service said bin(s) and ensure its availability for use during business opening hours;
 - Provide suitable signage encouraging the use of said bin(s);
 - Ensure the ongoing cleanup of litter within a radius of 50m of the business premises.
- 4) The Occupier of any shop / restaurant / licenced premises, shall:
 - Keep the pavement adjoining their business premises free from litter on an ongoing basis during business opening hours;
 - Power wash pavement adjoining their business premises on a regular basis where the nature of business operations results in the pavement becoming unduly dirty.

- 5) Where the patrons of any premises produce cigarette litter the Occupier of such premises shall:
- Provide and service a suitable receptacle for such cigarette waste generated at their premises and ensure its availability for use during business hours;
 - Ensure the removal of all cigarette waste on the pavement adjoining the business premises and the roadway adjoining said pavement on an ongoing basis, but in any event not later than 9.00am in all cases.

Offences:

- (1) A person who contravenes a provision of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.61.
- (2) If the contravention of a provision of this bye-law is continued after conviction, the person causing the contravention shall be guilty of an offence on each day on which that contravention continues and liable on summary conviction for each such offence to a fine not exceeding €126.97.

Penalties: (1) In respect of a contravention of this bye-law, as an alternative to a Prosecution for the contravention, a fine of €100 shall be paid to Leitrim County Council within four weeks of issue of a written notice to the offender.

- (2) A notice referred to in *subsection (1)* shall specify-
- (a) the name and address of the alleged offender,
 - (b) in general terms the nature of the contravention alleged to have been committed,
 - (c) the date and place of the alleged contravention,
 - (d) the amount of the payment,
 - (e) the period within which and the place where the fixed payment may be made, and
 - (f) that the alleged offender is entitled to disregard the notice and defend a prosecution of the alleged contravention in court.
- (3) Where a fixed payment has been duly paid in respect of an alleged contravention by a person, no proceedings shall be instituted against the person in respect of this alleged contravention.

Enforcement:

- (1) (a) A person who obstructs or impedes or refuses to comply with a request of an authorised person acting in the exercise of the functions conferred on an authorised person shall be guilty of an offence.
- (b) Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which this section relates, the authorised person may demand the name and address of such person and if that demand is refused or the person gives a name or address which is false or misleading, that person shall be guilty of an offence.
- (c) A person who is convicted of an offence under this subsection shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.61.
- (d) Where a member of the Garda Síochána is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which this section relates, that member may arrest the person without warrant.
- (2) A person is not bound to comply with a request of an authorised person under this section unless the authorised person produces, if requested by the person, evidence of appointment as an authorised person for the purpose of this Part.

Definition 1: Servicing of Bin(s):-

To empty and clean bin(s) at regular intervals, thereby ensuring that

- (a) said bin(s) are available for use at all times during business opening hours,
(b) said bin(s) do not constitute a nuisance, i.e. noise, odour or litter.

Definition 2: Occupier:-

Occupier includes, in relation to any premises, the owner, a lessee, any Person entitled to occupy the premises and any other person, having for the time being, control of the premises.

Definition 3: “Authorised Persons” means a person authorised in writing by a local authority for the purpose of this legislation, or a member of the Garda Síochána, under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, as amended by the Protection of the Environment Act, 2003.

Definition 4: Litter:-

Section 2 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 defines litter as

“a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act 1996, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit”.



Byelaws to prevent the creation of and control litter in County Leitrim

Sample Business Inspection Sheet

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Is a bin provided – Yes_____ No_____

Is the bin adequately signed: Yes_____ No__

Is the bin overflowing – Yes_____ No_____

Does the business clean up litter from its premises within a radius of 50 metres

Yes_____ No_____

Is the pavement adjoining this premises free from litter?

Yes_____ No_____

Are cigarette receptacles available where necessary: Yes_____ No_____

Are they available during opening hours: Yes_____ No_____

Does the business remove all cigarette waste on the pavement adjoining the business premises and the roadway adjoining said pavement on an ongoing basis, but in any event not later than 9am in all cases:

Yes_____ No_____

Is the business trade name indicated on the packaging/wrapping

Yes_____ No_____

Is tinfoil being used as wrapping: Yes_____ No_____

Waste Management (Environmental Levy) (Plastic Bag) Regulations 2001 – S.I No.605 2001

Is the plastic bag levy being applied as required by the above legislation?

Yes _____ No _____ Please furnish business with attached information on levy.

Packaging Regulations

Is packaging waste segregated as required by the Regs: _____

Estimate of quantity of Packaging generated/week: _____

Name and permit number (if available) of packaging waste collector: _____

Inspection carried out by

LCC Name: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____

Leitrim Co. Co. Bring Bank Sites –scheduling service for glass

					Frequency
1	Carrick-on-Shannon	Fire Station, Park Lane	Carrick-on-Shannon	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
2	Drumshanbo	Dowra Road Landfill Site	Drumshanbo	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
3	Cloone	GAA Grounds	Cloone	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
4	Drumsna	Quayside	Drumsna	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
5	Dromod	GAA Grounds	Dromod	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
6	Mohill (RIGID)		Mohill	Co. Leitrim	Rigid Truck
7	Ballinamore	Swanlinbar Road	Ballinamore	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
8	Carrigallen (RIGID)	Mill Lane, Off Main Street	Carrigallen	Co. Leitrim	Rigid Truck
9	Kinlough	Sewage Works	Kinlough	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
10	Manorhamilton	Rear Castle/Playground Car park	Manorhamilton	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
11	Kiltyclogher	Fairgreen	Kiltyclogher	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
12	Gortliteragh	GAA Field	Gortliteragh	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
13	Drumkeerin		Drumkeerin	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
14	Leitrim Village	Church Carpark	Leitrim Village	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
15	Glenfarne	Public Carpark	Glenfarne	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
16	Dromahair	Behind Breffni Hotel	Dromahair	Co. Leitrim	Every 10 Days
17	Ballinagleragh	Health Centre	Ballinagleragh	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
18	Aughavas	GAA Grounds	Aughavas	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
19	Feenagh	Community Centre	Feenagh	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
20	Keshcarrigan (RIGID)	Lake Amenity Site	Keshcarrigan	Co. Leitrim	Rigid Truck
21	Newtowngore (RIGID)	Sewage Works/ Gorbys	Newtowngore	Co. Leitrim	Rigid Truck
22	Bornacoola	Community Centre	Bornacoola	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
23	Tullaghan	Community Centre	Tullaghan	Co. Leitrim	Fortnightly
24	Drumcong	Lane beside school	Drumcong	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
25	Eslinbridge	Community Centre	Eslinbridge	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
26	Jamestown	Off N4 near Drumsna	Jamestown	Co. Leitrim	Every 3 Weeks
27	Tarmon	Beside Church	Tarmon	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
28	Gorvagh	Gorvagh Community Centre	Gorvagh	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
29	Newtownmanor	Newtownmanor Church	Newtownmanor	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
30	Aghacashel	Across from Old School	Aghacashel	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
31	Aghawillan	Aghawillan GAA	Aghawillan	Co.	Every 6

				Leitrim	weeks
32	Killargue	Main Street (M'hamilton - D'keeran)	Killarga	Co. Leitrim	Monthly
33	Glencar	Killenora Cemetary (M'milton - Sligo)	Glencar	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
34	Glenade	Chip dump opp. graveyard (R280)	Glenade	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
35	Drumshanbo No. 2 Site	Disternan	Drumshanbo	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
36	Drumlea	Community Centre / Church	Drumlea	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
37	Askill	Water Treatment Plant	Askil	Co. Leitrim	Every 6 weeks
38	Manorhamilton No.2 Site	Civic Recycle Centre,Sligo Road	Manorhamilton	Co.Leitrim	Fortnightly

REPORT

3rd June 2008

Re: Litter Management Plan Public Consultation - Submissions Received

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The Draft Litter Management Plan 2008 to 2011 went to public consultation from 23rd April to May 21st 2008, (both dates inclusive) with submissions received up to 4.45pm on 21st May 2008.

As a result one submission were received which was in agreement with the general content of the Draft Plan.

The following adjustments / additions were made to the Plan as a result;

1. Addition of paragraph included at **5.3.5** in relation to Advertising.

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