

It's easy to make a difference.....

1. Do not litter and don't tolerate others who do

If a litter bin is not in sight when you need one, retain your litter until you see a litter bin or take your litter home with you.

2. When out with your dog.....

Carry a pooper scooper. Dog dirt can be harmful to young children, it's unsightly and unpleasant.

Free pooper scoopers are available from the Environment Section, County Hall & Local Libraries.



3. Recycle responsibly

Kilkenny Local Authorities have over 40 Bring Bank Sites. Never discard rubbish at a bring bank.

4. Be aware of illegal waste collectors

If you pay someone to collect your waste, you must ensure they have a valid Waste Collection Permit. If you pay for waste disposal and it is later found illegally dumped, you remain responsible for it.

5. Be part of the solution

Keep the footpath/roadside outside your premises litter free. A small effort by all sectors of the community can eliminate the unsightliness of litter.

6. Stamp out illegal dumping

Report illegal dumping to the Kilkenny Litter Line 1800-200-156.

**KILKENNY FREEPHONE
LITTER HELPLINE**

1800 – 200 – 156

Environment Section of Kilkenny County Council deals with litter complaints for Kilkenny City and County. It seeks to combat litter by education, awareness and enforcement.

If you have any queries in relation to any aspect of this leaflet, please ring 056 7794470.

If you would like to make a litter compliant or report illegal dumping, please ring the Kilkenny Litter Helpline 1800-200-156. The helpline is manned during office hours and has an out of hours messaging service. If leaving a message on the helpline provide a name and contact telephone number to allow a member of staff to contact you.

A Message from your Community...



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Litter & the Law



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What is Litter?

Chewing gum, cigarette butts, sweet wrapper, a plastic bag, plastic bottles, the list is endless.

Litter by definition is anything discarded which is or likely to become unsightly.

The Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009

The Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009 outline responsibilities for everyone in Ireland regarding litter.

An on the spot litter fine can be issued costing the offender €150. A person facing district court proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009 could be liable for a maximum fine of €3,000.

Kilkenny Local Authorities Policy on Litter

Under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009, each Local Authority is given responsibilities regarding litter control and litter enforcement.

Kilkenny Local Authorities must provide a Litter Management Plan which is reviewed every 3 years. The plan states local litter policy and reports on initiatives undertaken to combat litter. The current Litter Management Plan is available in all local libraries and on www.kilkennycoco.ie.

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Know your responsibilities as an individual



You are breaking the law when....

1. You create litter in a public place
2. You present your household waste for collection in a manner that creates litter
3. You own or occupy land in or visible from a public place and you fail to keep it litter free
4. You own or occupy land within a speed limit area and fail to keep footpaths, pavements or grass verges along the road in front of your property litter free
5. You own, hire or drive a vehicle and litter is dropped from it
6. You place household waste into a street litter bin
7. You fail to clean up after your dog when on

- Public roads & footpaths
- Areas around shopping centres
- Schools/sport grounds/parks
- Beaches
- The area around another person's house

Know your responsibilities as a business

You are breaking the law when....

1. You create litter due to a business activity, and/or associated with loading, transporting or handling of goods
2. You present your commercial waste for collection in a manner that creates litter
3. You own or occupy land within a speed limit area and fail to keep footpaths, pavements or grass verges along the road in front of your property litter free
4. You own, hire or drive a vehicle to transport goods and litter is dropped from it
5. You own or hire a skip and fail to take measures to prevent litter generation
6. You place advertising flyers or notices on vehicles
7. You place unauthorised notices or advertisements on any structures such as poles, window, trees visible from a public place. Refer to the Litter Management Plan regarding Kilkenny's policy on temporary signage to avoid a litter fine.
8. You operate a mobile outlet and fail to provide a litter bin or fail to clear up litter resulting from your activity

