

# Recycle in Ballymoney

'Managing your waste made easy'



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# Reduce and Reuse

*No-one can do everything but everyone can do something*

## REDUCING YOUR WASTE

Most of the waste we produce is a direct result of what we buy. The more we buy, the more waste we can produce, but it doesn't have to be like this. Often our purchasing is based on what we want rather than what we need.

By shopping smarter, we can automatically reduce food and other waste therefore saving money!!

### SMARTER SHOPPING

- Buy local produce, it has travelled less and often uses less packaging
- Shop locally, support our smaller shops
- Don't be tempted into buying more than you need – it's only a bargain if you actually need and use it
- Get to know about 'sell by', 'use by' and 'display until' labels
- Reduce packaging waste, buy loose items
- Buy Fairtrade products, giving people a hand up not a handout
- Make a list – reduce impulse buys

[www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

### Sunday Lunch Menu

A Sunday lunch of  
potato, leeks, pork, cabbage,  
peppers, apples, strawberries,  
raspberries, blackcurrants  
and cheese

bought in a supermarket could  
have travelled 29,588 miles to  
get to your plate.

The same ingredients sourced  
locally in Northern Ireland will  
travel 350 miles.

[Source: Orchard Acre Farm - 2005]

## REUSING YOUR RUBBISH

Many household items can be used again from food to furniture to fancy frocks. We don't need the latest model, version or colour because someone persuades us we do. Buying cheaply isn't always best in the long term.

### Why don't you:

- Consider using Freecycle, a convenient way of giving away or finding things locally - [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)
- Swap items with family and friends.
- Use your local charity shop, for buying as well as donating!

**Why not think of how you could reuse everyday items – all the best inventions started as daydreams...**

*The average family  
in Ballymoney throws  
away £420 worth of food  
each year. That's over  
£5 million of food waste  
in the Borough  
every year.*

# Managing Waste Locally



## CIVIC AMENITY SITES

Both Civic Amenity Sites, Knock Road and Crosstagherty, in Ballymoney are user friendly with staff to assist with practical help and information. These sites place an emphasis on household waste separation, reuse and recycling. The site opening times, layout and trained staff all contribute to ensuring we 'manage' rather than simply dispose of household waste generated in Ballymoney.

Before you leave home please consider:

- separating waste so that it can be placed in the relevant containers and banks more easily.
- donating items to charity shops or giving them to someone else [if in good condition].

The list of materials welcome at our sites for recycling, reuse and recovery are as follows:

Aerosols	Aluminium Cans	Books	Car batteries	Cardboard	CDs & DVDs
Cooking oil	Electrical equipment	Engine oil	Fluorescent light tubes	Fridges and freezers	Gas cylinders
Glass containers	Green waste	Household batteries	Mobile phones	Paint tins [empty]	Paper and magazines
Plastic bags	Plastic containers with screw tops	Printer cartridges	Scrap metal	Tetra paks	Textiles

For your convenience, please use **Crosstagherty Civic Amenity Site** if you have:

- Larger amounts of green waste
- Rubble or stones
- Soil

**Knock Road Civic Amenity Site\***, 44 Knock Road, Ballymoney

**OPEN:**

April 1st – September 30th

8.30am – 8.30pm (Monday – Friday)

10.00am – 6.30pm (Saturday)

1.30pm – 6.30pm (Sunday)

October 1st – March 31st

8.30am – 4.00pm (Monday – Friday)

10.00am – 4.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday – Closed

**Crosstagherty Civic Amenity Site\***, 8 Burnquarter Road, Ballymoney

**OPEN ALL YEAR:**

8.30am – 4.15pm (Monday – Thursday)

8.30am – 3.45pm (Friday)

10.00am – 4.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday – Closed

**\* Last customer admitted 10 minutes before closing time**

# Making the Most of your Blue Bin

A Pull Out and Keep Guide





- ✗ Do not place items in plastic bags.
- ✗ Rinse any remaining foods/liquids from tins and plastic containers to prevent smells.
- ✗ No shredded paper.
- ✗ Remove plastic film from junk mail, food containers and envelopes.
- ✓ Visit your local Civic Amenity Site, Supermarket and Village Recycling Centres to recycle your glass bottles and textiles.
- ✓ Recycle electrical items free of charge at both Civic Amenity Sites.

## Community Recycling Centres

There are opportunities to recycle a range of materials close to home at **Village** and **Supermarket Recycling Centres** across the Borough.

**Village Recycling Centres** are located in:

**Ballybogey – Balnamore – Cloughmills – Dervock – Dunloy – Killyrammer – Loughgiel – Rasharkin – Stranocum**

At these sites you can recycle:

### Glass bottles and containers

Each family in Ballymoney uses on average 330 glass bottles and jars every year. Glass can be recycled endlessly with no loss in quality. You can now place any colour of glass in any glass recycling bank.



### Aluminium food and drinks cans

Aluminium is a very useful material and easy to recycle. Recycling aluminium cans in Ballymoney supports the work of local charity Can Can Recycling.



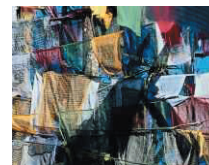
### Mixed paper

Mixed paper banks can cope with a range of paper generated in the home. They can be used for brochures, catalogues, envelopes, junk mail, newspapers and magazines and printer paper. Please always remove any plastic packaging.



### Textiles

We are proud to be the only Council in Northern Ireland to provide textile banks for the use of local charities. Clothes and textiles donated through these banks are used to support the work of two charities, Can Can Recycling and Oxfam Ireland. When you use these banks you are making a positive local and global impact.



## SUPERMARKET RECYCLING – 'SHOP AND RECYCLE'

**Glebeside Spar, Milltown Spar, Tesco and Trolan's Supervalu all have facilities for recycling:**

- Glass bottles and containers
- Aluminium food and drinks cans
- Textiles

By using your local **Community Recycling Centre** you:

- Help reduce the black bin waste going to landfill.
- Manage waste locally, meaning fewer car journeys and reducing your carbon footprint.
- Support our two social partners, Can Can Recycling and Oxfam Ireland.

## Managing Your Garden & Food Waste

Gardens are to be enjoyed all year round. Regardless of whether you just have a back yard or a larger green space, you have an opportunity to become a 'greener' gardener.

If you have a **brown bin**, you can maximise its potential by putting the following garden waste in it:



### ***Please remember,***

- ✗ Food waste should not be placed in your brown bin.
- ✗ Materials should not be placed in plastic bags.
- ✗ Stones and soil can be deposited at Crosstagherty Civic Amenity Site and should never be placed in brown bins.

### **COMPOSTING AT HOME**

If you do not have a brown bin but do produce garden waste, there are a number of options available to you in relation to how you manage garden and/or food waste at home.

You do not have to buy a composter, why not recycle some commonly available materials and construct your own? You can do this with four fencing posts, some chicken wire and old carpet. If you want a more deluxe version, try some pallets and old carpet!

Whichever option you choose, or if you already have a 'ready made' composter you have purchased, you can access more information on composting at home through [www.ballymoney.gov.uk](http://www.ballymoney.gov.uk) or by contacting our helpline 028 2766 0257.

Using your brown bin or composting, greatly reduces garden and food waste in black bins, cuts landfill disposal costs and ensures your contribution to a society where materials are looked on as resources, not just rubbish!

## Making a difference in Ballymoney

There are many examples of positive environmental and sustainable action in Ballymoney.

These projects give an insight into how local people are making a difference:



**Can Can Recycling is your local social enterprise, recycling waste including clothing, aluminium drinks cans, mobile phones and ink cartridges. Can Can Recycling provides training opportunities for up to 25 people with learning disabilities. The project helps trainees improve confidence and acquire new skills.**

Clare Carson,  
Can Can Recycling



**Our school is proud of our achievement in being awarded a Green Flag through Eco Schools. We involve staff, parents, the Council and the wider community in many activities which encourage our children to be more aware of the world around them.**

Martina Martin,  
Principal, Ballymoney Nursery School



**Incredible Edible Cloughmills is a new project which stimulates discussion and practical action around the subject of food. We are looking at what and how we grow locally, how we purchase and consume food, and finally how we might reduce food waste.**

Patrick Frew,  
Cloughmills Community Action Team

Ballymoney Borough Council is delighted to work with all groups to deliver a more sustainable community.

If you or your organisation is interested in learning more about managing waste in Ballymoney, please contact Ballymoney Borough Council on 028 2766 0257.