



Wise Waste Management at the SkyCourt Shopping Centre



LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

The LAPD project has resulted in sweeping changes within the SkyCourt Shopping Centre as retailers in co-operation with SkyCourt management have embraced separate collections for organic waste & dry recyclables, significantly reducing the amount of waste landfilled. Now Clare County Council is assisting a number of retailers to assess their current working practices with a view to waste prevention as well as investigating prevention opportunities for transit packaging. Bright ideas from SkyCourt retailers include the change made by Apache Pizza - now serving pizza on a reusable plate for customers "eating in" thereby saving the cardboard box that was used previously. The facilities management staff are well engaged and driving many of the NIPP objectives, and this has been a key to successes so far.



The SkyCourt Shopping Centre in Shannon was extended in 2004 with a €60m investment. The centre is unique in having three supermarkets in one complex as anchor tenants as well as 60 other retailers, with a strong emphasis on food retailing. The aim is to encourage a culture of waste prevention among the management company and retailers of the Centre. The waste audit, which detailed waste generated per outlet has proved helpful in discussions with retailers of the quantities/types of waste they generate and how to prevent it. Outcomes of the project will be promoted in an e-guide, which can be introduced to other Shopping Centres.

Clare Co Co's initiative "Wise Waste Management at the SkyCourt Shopping Centre Shannon" is one of a regional programme entitled "NIPP New Integrated Prevention Programme". The local authorities of Limerick Clare and Kerry developed this programme with the support of the Regional Waste Management Office. The programme has received €442,804.00 under phase 1 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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