



80% Farm Waste Diversion in Six Months

LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME



Farms in Co Longford have reduced non-organic waste to landfill by 80% in the first 6 months of Longford County Council's LAPD initiative. The aim is to find ways to avoid the creation of packaging and non recyclable waste on the farms, but this diversion of waste to recycling rather than landfill is a step in the right direction. The diversion was achieved through identification of the main waste streams at monthly waste characterisation studies and increasing awareness of recycling opportunities.

Four farms ranging from small to large in size are involved in the initiative, including two dairy farms, one dry stock farm, and one beef & dry stock farm. The farmers involved will learn how to prevent non organic waste, and to reduce water and energy usage, these will more than likely result in cost savings in their operations. The LAPD team visit the farms monthly to assess the seasonality of levels of waste production and water and energy use. This data will be used to create a prevention action plan and compare resource consumption across farms of various types and size. The Council will work with Teagasc to promote the findings and achievements of the programme to all farmers in the county.

Longford Co Co's 18-month initiative entitled "Farm Waste Prevention Scheme" has received €39,000.00 under phase 2 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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