



The STOP Food Waste programme is funded under the EPA's National Waste Prevention Programme (NWPP). Waste Prevention is the preferred waste management option in Ireland. By not generating waste, we can eliminate the need to handle, transport, treat and dispose of waste. We can also avoid having to pay for these services.

This programme is aimed initially at the householder. We hope to provide you with comprehensive information about the food we waste and how to prevent this through RETHINKING how we shop, store our food, cook it and reuse the leftovers. When this has been done, we will provide you with information on all forms of composting as well as links to any programmes that may be occurring in your area.

Stop Food Waste also works with businesses and has been working with the hospitality and retail sectors to help them reduce the food waste that they generate. Stop Food Waste work with other programmes funded under the NWPP including, among others, the [Green Hospitality Award \(GHA\)](#) and the [Local Authority Prevention Network \(LAPN\)](#).

In 2013, the following are some of the areas where we can provide support through local authorities:

✓ **Information & Support Materials:**

We have a series of promotional materials available which support the main messages of the programme.

✓ **Food Prevention & Home Composting Workshops:**

These are available for householders, businesses and community groups

✓ **Participation in Community Events and Festivals:**

Through our Master Composter network, we can provide trained volunteers to conduct educational activities with the public

✓ **Commercial food waste prevention projects:**

Working with groups of businesses within a small geographical area to prevent food waste is a key aim of the programme.

✓ **Composting Demonstration Schemes:**

In conjunction with local authorities and tidy town groups we aim to continue the development of local composting demonstration schemes.

✓ **Reducing 5K**

After the success of last years Feeding 5,000 event this year we are looking for local communities that may be interested in doing a project on Reducing 5,000 kgs of food waste.

If your community group is interested in any of these services please contact your local authority Environmental Awareness Officer.