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FERNS TIDY TOWN NEWS

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An Taisce National Spring Clean. & North Wexford 2K Clean.

This year we entered the An Taisce National Spring Clean event and the North Wexford 2K clean. Litter picks were organised for all the approach roads and the town throughout the month of May. We would like to thank everyone who managed to come out and help. It's not an easy task but there is satisfaction when you see a nice litter free roads.

Volunteers picked 136 bags of litter from the 22km of approach roads. The highest percentage of this was from fly tipping and 90% of it was recyclable waste. We would ask that you please take home your litter and put it in your recycle bins.

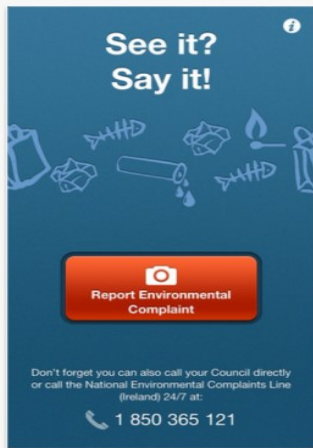


Dates for your Diary!

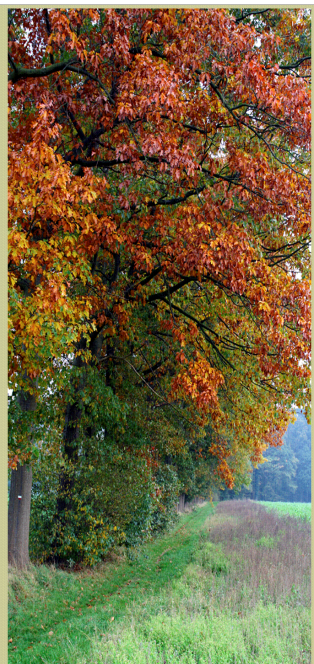
Litter picks will continue throughout the months of June and July on Saturday mornings starting from the Cathedral at 9.30am. Litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and compostable bags will be available.

STOP FOOD WASTE:

Beware of special deals - these are great for toilet rolls and shampoo but bad for fruit, vegetables and salads (anything that can go off quickly). These are the things we buy because of a "good deal" but often does not get eaten.



Help in the fight to keep our town litter free. Download the new See it? Say it! App and report illegal dumping.



Online presence

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

Ferns Tidy Towns can be found on Facebook and Twitter. Like us and follow us to keep up to date on our projects, tips on how to reduce waste and save on your household bills, recycling and inventive ways of reusing items.

Ferns Tidy Towns also have a page on the www.fernsvillage.ie website:



Summer Colour



Tired of old wellies lying around the house? Why not reuse them to add a splash of colour during the Summer months. A nice little project to keep children busy!

Hard Work Recognised at Annual Awards Night.

Winner Best Shop—Jen's Occasions

Winner Best Pub—Dunbar's of Ferns

Winner Best Commercial—Paddy Denby Engineering

Winner Best Residential Garden—Bridie Ryan

Winner Best Presented Housing Estate—Pairc Mhuire

The Green Schools Committee and the Junior Tidy Towns group were also presented with beautiful nesting boxes



Ferns Tidy Towns Regional Winner of the Irish Water Value Water Award in Best Small Town category.

Waterbutts were installed at 4 business locations and 2 schools in the town. The children of Scoil Naomh Maodhog and St. Edan's designed educational posters showing the benefits of installing a water butt to save water. The water collected is used to water the plants around the town.



Aisling Buckley, Regional Information Specialist, Irish Water, Mary Gethings and Angela Breen, Ferns Tidy Towns and Minister Michael Ring TD at the Irish Water Tidy Towns Value Water Awards



Things you can Recycle At the Enniscorthy Recycle centre

- Newspapers etc
- Glass bottles
- Drink cans
- Tetra pack carto
- Cardboard
- Plastics
- Textiles, curtains, Blankets, shoes
- All Metals
- Drink & Food Cans
- Batteries, car, and 3 eclectic fence
- Electrical goods, TV's, fridges, Cookers, tumble Dryers etc
- CD's & DVD'S For Oxfam
- Mobile Phones
- Waste cooking oil Max 23 Litres
- Printer cartridges
- Waste engine oil

Keep Wexford Beautiful Environment Awards

- Winner of the Value Water Award Village
- 2nd prize for Best Community Project that tackles and reduces the impact of climate



Have you news for our Newsletter?
If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please send email to marygethings@gmail.com or call (087)2327902

Ferns Tidy Towns in association with Stop Food Waste and Wexford County Council are holding Master Composting Workshops in Ferns Community Centre. Master Composters are individuals are trained on all aspects of home composting and food waste prevention. 23 people from various community groups are taking part. The new composting area will be built on Saturday 20th May. If you would like to find out more about home composting contact any of the committee and we'll be happy to show you how to make your own compost.



Take the pledge and join our Green Dog Walkers. Application forms available from the committee. Receive a hi-viz jacket, poop bags and a green dog walker armband.

STOP FOOD WASTE: Are you likely to have leftovers from any of your meals? Plan an "eat the leftovers" night each week. Casseroles, stir-fries, frittatas, soups, and smoothies are great ways to use leftovers



FOOD LASTS LONGER THAN WE THINK.

When we store food just right, it lasts longer. And luckily, we've got the tricks to help.



It's okay for veggies to wilt and soften. Really. It happens with time and doesn't mean they're bad.