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FERNS TIDY TOWN NEWS

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

This year we plan to enter the An Taisce National Spring Clean event and the North Wexford 2K clean. Litter picks will be organised for all the approach roads and the town starting in April. We are asking that all residents keep 200m of roadway at either side of their homes litter free. We would really appreciate your help. It's not an easy task but there is satisfaction when you see a nice litter free roads..

In 2017 volunteers picked 365 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.

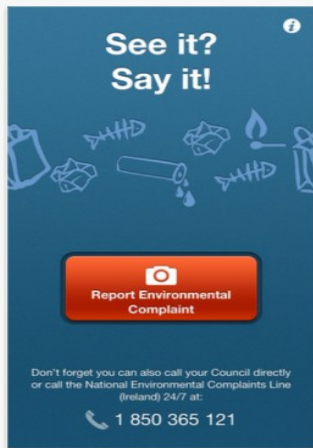


Dates for your Diary!

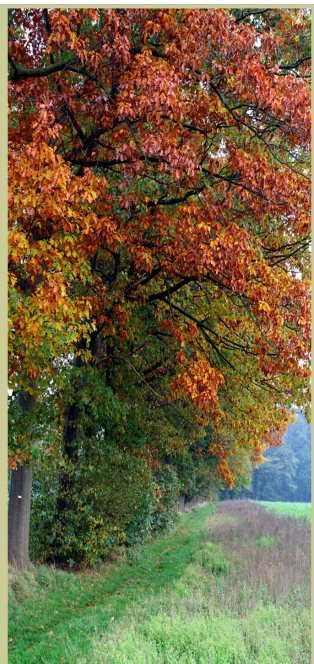
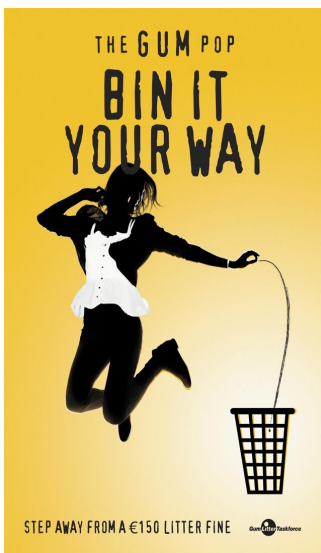
Litter picks will begin on the first week in April. Dates will be announced in the Local Notes and on Ferns Tidy Towns Facebook page. Litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and compostable bags will be provided. Children must be

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



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 can also be found on 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!

North Wexford 2K Clean Awards:

Gold standard Award for participation in the North Wexford 2K Clean

Gold Standard certificate for recognition of the contribution to the NW2K Clean for picking 22km of approach roads

2nd prize in the North Wexford 2K Clean 'little things that matter' competition for showcasing St.Mogue's Well



Ferns Tidy Towns Keep Wexford Beautiful Awards 2017

We attended the Keep Wexford Beautiful Awards in November and we're delighted to have been presented with the following awards. Well done to our volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year and thanks to everyone that helps out in any way to support our work in the community.

- 1st prize Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility to Infrastructure
- 2nd prize for Best Community Waste Prevention project
- 2nd prize for Best Community Biodiversity project
- 2nd prize in the North Wexford 2K Clean



**Things you can
Recycle
At the
Enniscorthy
Recycle centre**

- Newspapers etc
- Glass bottles
- Drink cans
- Tetra pack cartons
- 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



Please remember to put out food and water for wildlife this winter

Seeds, suet and fat balls will help lots of birds whilst mammals, such as hedgehogs and foxes, will eat tinned dog food and meaty cat biscuits.

Don't forget about fresh water each day too!

Tip: putting a football in a pond will keep an area free from ice.



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

Confused about what to put into your recycling bin...?

So what can be recycled? Everything that is plastic, aluminium, paper or cardboard – provided it is clean! This includes:

1. PET – plastic drinks bottles and much of our food packaging
2. LDPE – Low density polyethylene (e.g. sandwich bag)
3. HDPE – High density polyethylene (e.g. shampoo bottle)
4. Clean and dry paper and cardboard, 5. Aluminium cans

In a nutshell? Only put clean, dry and loose material into your recycling bin. Don't put plastic bags in the recycling bin, but better yet, avoid using them altogether!

YES PLEASE!
JUST THESE
IN
YOUR RECYCLING BIN

All Items to be **CLEAN EMPTY & LOOSE**

Items shown: DRINK CANS, PET FOOD, SOUP Cans, FOOD CANS, Butter & Salad tubs, BOTTLES, Yogurt Pots, soap SHAMPOO, FRUIT & VEG TRAYS, Milk Bottles, CARDBOARD BOXES, TOILET & KITCHEN ROLL TUBES, juice milk, Newspapers & Magazines, LETTERS & BROCHURES, Egg Boxes.

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With support from

voice RECYCLING AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

REPAK southern waste region, south-east waste region, eastern-midlands waste region

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.