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Fingal County Council

Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009

Source separation of food waste from commercial premises

In December 2009, John Gormley, Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government published the Food Waste Regulations (SI 508 of 2009) heralding national legislation for the source separation of food waste from commercial premises which came into effect on the 1st July, 2010.

These Regulations are designed to promote the segregation and recovery of food waste arising in the commercial sector. They will facilitate in particular the achievement of the targets set out in Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste, for the diversion of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) from landfill sites to composting and anaerobic digestion plants and to other forms of biological treatment. The Regulation also prohibits the disposal of source separated food waste into the residual collection service.

The Regulations impose obligations on the major producers of food waste, such as State buildings where food is prepared, restaurants and cafés, hot food outlets, canteens, hotels and larger guest houses, supermarkets and other food retailers, to segregate these materials and make them available for separate collection service. Alternatively, these materials can be biologically treated (e.g. Composted) on the premises where they arise under specified conditions. There is an exemption for the first year of the Regulation for small businesses which produce less than 50kg of food waste per week.

For further information go to www.fingalcoco.ie or contact Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement section at 890- 5013.