

**PAY BY
WEIGHT
IS COMING**



**GET THE
BALANCE
RIGHT!**

What does this mean?

Right across the country waste contractors use a variety of different methods to charge for their services. To create a level playing field and to encourage positive environmental behaviour changes are coming into force by July 2016 which will see all householders charged on a Pay by Weight basis for their waste collection service.

The advantage of pay by weight is that it gives you more control over your waste bills. The less your bin weighs, the less you pay, so there is a great incentive to prevent and recycle waste. Not only will this benefit you, it is also good for the environment. In areas where pay by weight is already operating, householders have become more efficient in segregating their waste, leading to a reduction in the amount of waste collected.

So from July 2016 each household will pay an annual service charge for collection & after that their waste contractor will weigh the bins each time they are collected and apply a charge based on the weight of the bin.

**See below some tips to help YOU SAVE MONEY
in preparation for introducing Pay by Weight:**

SEPARATE WASTE



Your recycling & brown bin will be cheaper than your residual bin so by segregating correctly less goes in your residual bin reducing your waste charge.

USE YOUR BROWN BIN



Remove all packaging and put all food waste & liquids in the brown bin. Use a compostable bag to keep the bin clean & odour free. Where a brown bin is provided its an offence to place food waste in the residual bin.

STOP FOOD WASTE!



The average household wastes up to a third of all food they buy so check your cupboards & fridge before you shop; make a shopping list & stick to it; a lighter brown bin saves money!

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?



Contact your waste contractor for up to date info on what can & can't be recycled by them. You may be surprised by what you learn which will help you to be more informed about packaging when shopping.

HEAVY WASTE



Keep heavy items like soil, rubble, DIY or garden waste out of your residual bin – all these items are accepted at your local civic amenity site so check your local authority website for opening hours & costs of using these centres.

HAZARDOUS WASTE



Never put hazardous waste in your bin. Electrical items, paints & oils should also all be taken to your civic amenity site for recycling or disposal. Electrical items are accepted free of charge at this facility.

FIND YOUR NEAREST BATTERY BOX



Batteries can be also be recycled for free by using the "blue battery boxes" in all shops selling batteries.

REUSE WHERE POSSIBLE



Choose to reuse – offer unwanted items to family, friends, colleagues, charity shops & upcyclers – this makes everyone happy & gives a longer life to products as well as preventing waste.