



HOW TO USE THE WASTE TOOLKIT

This Waste Toolkit sets out a simple and straightforward pathway for clubs looking to reduce waste. It starts with simple audit guidance on measuring and recording waste and provides templates, advice and information for managing and segregating waste in your clubhouse and grounds.

The Waste Toolkit also includes guidance on further initiatives that clubs can run to reduce waste, including eliminating single-use plastics and organising a club gear swap.

The practical guidance in the Waste Toolkit is complemented by posters and social media templates designed to raise awareness and encourage action among club members.

The Green Club Waste Toolkit contains the following guidance sheets and resources:

ASSESS	Waste Questionnaire.
	Desktop Waste Audit Guidance.
	General Waste Audit Guidance.
IDENTIFY	Waste Segregation Guidance.
	Eliminating Single-Use Plastic Bottles.
	Eliminating Single-Use Coffee Cups.
	Running a Gear Swap.
ACT	A Waste Action Plan.
COMMUNICATE	Resources to promote awareness of your waste actions in your club.

The Toolkit contains case studies from clubs that have taken action to reduce and manage their waste, including:

- **PARK RATHENISKA IN CO. LAOIS, ST. PATRICK'S IN CO. LIMERICK AND CLARINBRIDGE IN CO. GALWAY**, who worked with the Regional Waste Management Offices (<https://www.mywaste.ie/>) to audit and manage their waste.
- **STRABANE SIGERSONS IN CO. TYRONE**, who were supported by Keep NI Beautiful's Tackling Plastics Programme (<https://www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org/cgi-bin/generic?instanceID=60>) in their efforts to eliminate single-use plastic from the club.

All Green Club case studies are also available at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>

TOP TIPS

Carrying out a club waste audit will give your club a very clear picture of how much waste is produced in the club, what kind of waste is produced and what the opportunities are for reducing waste as well as for recycling as much of the waste that you do produce as possible.

Consider doing spot checks after events, matches or busy training slots in your club to identify the kind of waste that is left. For example, if there are lots of plastic bottles lying around after training or summer camps or if the bins at a club coffee dock are full of disposable coffee cups, consider running a single-use plastic elimination campaign.