



WHAT IS THE GREEN CLUB TOOLKIT?

The GAA Green Club Toolkit is divided into five themes:



ENERGY



WATER



WASTE



BIODIVERSITY



TRAVEL

Energy

The Energy Toolkit contains advice on tracking your energy use and on making immediate savings through energy efficient behaviour. The Energy Toolkit also includes information on a range of medium- to long-term energy-saving and renewable energy projects, from clubhouse insulation through heat pumps to solar PV generation and LED floodlight upgrades.

The Energy Toolkit is designed for clubs who are interested in learning about energy savings opportunities or are at the early stages of planning energy actions. Clubs who have already carried out an energy audit and who have identified priority energy projects should contact a qualified independent professional for advice.

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Water

The Water Toolkit contains advice and guidance on water conservation and quality in your club. The water conservation section of the toolkit includes a simple club house audit to help your Green Team identify areas where you can make water savings in your club and grounds. The toolkit also contains a water conservation action sheet, containing a range of short-, medium- and longer-term actions your club can choose from to conserve water in your clubhouse.

The water quality section of the toolkit focuses on measures you can take in your club to prevent contamination or pollution of water and waterways. It also suggests simple and engaging biodiversity and communication actions that you can take to enhance local waterways and to celebrate your club and community's water heritage.

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Waste

The 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 undertake 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.

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Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Toolkit provides a range of simple actions from which a club can choose to enhance biodiversity and encourage pollinator activity on club grounds. There are a range of actions in the toolkit, such as reduced mowing of non-playing grass, hedgerow management, the greening of your club walkway, and the planting of native trees and pollinator-friendly shrubs and flowers.

The toolkit includes actions suitable for clubs of all sizes and for clubs from both rural and urban areas and contains a comprehensive guide for clubs, compiling all the main action ideas, as well as concise individual action sheets and a top ten ideas sheet for clubs.

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Travel & Transport

The Travel & Transport Toolkit is designed to encourage sustainable and active travel in your club and community. It contains a range of simple audit and assessment forms from which your clubs can choose, depending on the travel and transport actions that make sense for you.

The Travel Toolkit contains a selection of action ideas – including actions on carpooling, cycling, walking, buses and car park management – from which your club can choose to support active and sustainable travel for club members. The Travel Toolkit also includes guidance on managing your club and grounds for accessibility for all.

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Each of the five Green Club sections of the Toolkit is divided into the following headings:

OVERVIEW A summary of the contents of each theme's toolkit.

ASSESS Resources such as checklists and simple audit forms to help you form a picture of the current state-of-play in your club.

IDENTIFY A wide range of ideas from which your club can choose to take action on.

ACT Simple action plan templates to help your club plan and track your actions.

COMMUNICATE Resources that will support you in promoting awareness of your Green Club actions within your club.

Each Toolkit section contains practical case study examples from clubs who have taken action in that GAA Green Club thematic area.

A full selection of case studies can also be accessed at:
<https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>