

BALLINAHOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN



Litter Management Plan for Ballinahown Village

Litter and Dumping

Ballinahown Community Development commits to maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness throughout Ballinahown Village. Continuous monitoring and immediate remediation efforts will be employed to ensure no litter or dumping spoils the village's aesthetic or environmental integrity.

Litter Management Plans or Litter Control Strategies

In an effort to maintain the pristine condition and natural beauty of Ballinahown Village, the Ballinahown Community Development has implemented a "Take Your Litter Home" policy. This initiative is a cornerstone of the village's approach to environmental stewardship and litter control, underscoring a community-wide commitment to sustainability and respect for our surroundings.

Key Aspects of the Take Your Litter Home Policy:

- Responsibility and Environmental Ethics: Residents and visitors are encouraged to take personal responsibility for their waste by taking litter home to dispose of it properly.

This policy promotes environmental ethics, encouraging everyone to think about the impact of their actions on the village's ecosystem and aesthetic appeal.

•Reduction in Public Litter Bins:

To support this policy, the number of public litter bins in the village may be strategically reduced. This is intended to reinforce the habit of taking litter home and discourage the disposal of waste in public areas, thus keeping the village tidier and reducing the burden on public waste management services.

•Support for Recyclable and Reusable Materials:

As part of this policy, there is a strong emphasis on using recyclable and reusable materials. Community members are encouraged to minimize the use of disposable items and opt for alternatives that can be reused or properly recycled at home.

Event Management:

During public events, organizers are tasked with ensuring that all participants understand and adhere to the Take Your Litter Home policy. Event-specific waste management strategies are implemented, such as providing participants with dedicated waste bags or containers to easily transport their litter home.

Evidence of Regular Litter Patrols and Segregation of Litter

Regular litter patrols will be organized by Ballinahown Community Development, involving community volunteers and the local national school. These patrols will not only collect litter but also segregate it into recyclables and non-recyclables, supporting recycling initiatives and reducing landfill use.

Participation in National Spring Clean

Ballinahown will actively participate in national and local cleanliness campaigns such as the National Spring Clean. Initiatives such as this are pivotal in fostering community spirit and collective responsibility towards a litter-free environment.

Partnership and Community Involvement with Litter Control

Strengthening partnerships with local businesses, schools, and other community groups will be vital. These partnerships will focus on collaborative efforts to keep the village clean, including sponsorship of litter bins and educational events about the impacts of litter.

Presentation of Bottle Banks and Litter Bins

The presentation and maintenance of bottle banks and litter bins will be enhanced to encourage usage and maintain cleanliness. In partnership with Westmeath County Council, regular cleaning and emptying schedules will be established, and their locations will be assessed and adjusted as needed to maximize utility and accessibility.

Commitment to the National 2 Minute Street Clean Initiative

Ballinahown Community Development enthusiastically commits to the National 2 Minute Street Clean initiative. This initiative encourages residents and visitors to spend just two minutes whenever they are out, to pick up litter. This practice not only aids in keeping our village pristine daily but also instills a habitual respect for our environment.

This Litter Management Plan represents Ballinahown Community Development's dedication to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable village environment, uniting the community under the shared goal of maintaining the natural beauty of Ballinahown Village.