

Halloween 2018

- Approximately 500 Information Leaflets outlining the dangers of bonfires and listing DCC contact details were distributed to Businesses and Shopping Centres by Public Domain Section.
- Businesses in the industrial estates in the North Central Area were visited by a Litter Warden advising them of the need to secure flammables / Pallets in the weeks prior to Halloween.
- Meetings were held with the Gardai in the North Central Area and attended by DCC Public Domain. This ensured a high level of communication and co-operation in the lead up to and over the Halloween period.
- School Visits, Posters

North Central Area Staff delivered talks on Halloween to 5th and 6th class students in a approximately 25 primary schools from North Central districts including Donaghmede, Darndale, Priorswood, Kilbarrack, Artane, Santry, Fairview and Raheny, using the Green Schools Programme as an effective tool to communicate the following:

The negative impact that bonfires and illegal fireworks have on the environment, communities, green spaces, property, pets and wildlife.

Risk of serious injuries to those making and attending bonfires & using illegal fireworks.

The risk to the emergency services attending bonfires i.e., the Fire Brigade & Ambulance service, Gardaí, DCC, and also local the community.

The waste of financial resources used on the clean up prior to and after Halloween
The promotion and encouragement of safe alternatives – Dublin City Council official fireworks displays and parties in schools and local community halls.

- As well as our own Waste Management crews the Public Domain Unit engaged additional contractor crews and vehicles to facilitate removal of bonfire material in the days leading up to and including Halloween. These resources were in addition to the services provided through Housing, Parks, Waste Management Services The additional resources provided through Public Domain Unit concentrated and prioritised the removal of bonfire material: -
 - Outside the remit of the Parks, Housing, Waste Services and Development Departments.
 - Material that posed a risk to safety and well being of the public.
 - Material that posed a risk to critical public infrastructure.
 - Material that may have become a focal point for major public order issues.
 - Flammables were collected by Waste Management, Parks and Public Domain Crews as located or reported
 - Regular inspections of voids and green areas were conducted by Public Domain Staff throughout the North Central Area to check for the presence of stockpiling.

Public Domain Staff were on call over the Bank Holiday weekend . Public Domain staff met and accompanied contractors to locations containing stock

piles for removal. The Gardai were fully supportive of this operation and provided assistance if needed.

- The North Central Area office was staffed from 10.00 am to 14.00 pm .(27th October 2018 to 29th October 2018). This was of benefit as calls/ CRM queries reporting bonfire material were passed to crews . The Gardai were fully supportive of this operation and provided assistance if needed.
- Clean ups are ongoing in the North Central Area in conjunction with DCC Waste Management , Parks and Housing .







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