



Policy for Waste Management in Parks and Public Open Space.

In 2018, Parks and Landscape Services disposed of in the order of 2,264 tons of waste materials. This derived from the following operations and activities:

- Servicing 341 bins located in Parks and fortnightly maintenance schedules for parks, open spaces, road environs and margins (direct labour and contract) where litter and dumped material is collected.
- Halloween. Disposal of material pre and post event.....411 tons
- The Bull Island, Dollymount and St Annes Park (37 bins) provided 156 tons of waste material in 2018.

Dollymount Beach is maintained to a 'Blue Flag' standard so three weeks prior to the bathing season (which commences 1st June) the beach is mechanically raked from 6.00am each morning, along with a litter pick. This operation is carried out seven days a week throughout the bathing season until 15th September each year. Fifty 'barrel bins' are put in place to accommodate the waste that derives from the use of the beach during the summer months (reduced to 8 bins during the winter months) as well as 2 solar bins on the North Wall.

Other waste derives from

- The Bull Island Action (volunteer) Group who carry out monthly clean-ups on the island.
- Fly-tipping on the island.

The cost of waste disposal resulting from Parks direct labour operations in 2018 was €193,562 and in addition 681 tons were collected by contractors.

In 2018 the Parks Service also incurred additional costs for waste removal from lands at Moatview/Darndale, Finglas and Ballymun in support of Area Office initiatives.

The Cleansing Department maintain bins along the seafront promenades at Sandymount and Clontarf and co-operate with the Parks Service in terms of monitoring the best placement of street bins to coincide with entrances to parks and open spaces where feasible.

The Parks Service will be leasing fifty solar powered 'big belly bins in 2019 and these will be located throughout city parks where there is a significant weekend usage.

Complaints in relation to litter are continuously monitored and if there are requests for additional bins in parks, each request will be considered based on a local needs assessment.

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