

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Halloween 2018 in Dublin South Central

Halloween is a time for fun but also can be a time for concern. The safety and security of people can be put at risk by the irresponsible actions of others. The most obvious threat is the creation and location of bonfires, but equally the irresponsible use of fireworks can cause injury and damage.

The strategic approach to Halloween taken by the Area Office, within the overall approach of Dublin City Council Departments, is to put in place measures that tackle the danger while at the same time organising community events.

Our Public Domain Team in conjunction with our Housing Managers will be the coordinating vehicle for Halloween Damage Limitation. South Central staff are carrying out stockpiling raids and removing bonfire material across the area as part of a drive to promote a safe Halloween.

The arrangements put in place for both aspects of the Halloween response; damage control on the one hand; safe fun on the other are detailed in this document.



South Central Area,
Eblana House,
Marrowbone Lane,
Dublin 8.

**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee**

**Damage Control
Removal and reporting materials during Halloween period 2019**

Dublin City Council Departments are deploying labouring crews and vehicles to facilitate the removal of bonfire material in the days leading up to and including Halloween. The services are being provided through Housing, Parks, Waste Services and Development Department. The removal of bonfire material will be prioritised on risk. The following risks are examples of cases that will be prioritised.

- Material that pose a risk to safety and wellbeing of the public.
- Material that pose a risk to critical public infrastructure.
- Material that may become a focal point for major public order issues.

Reporting of locations of stored bonfire material can be made by telephone to: -

- Calling Dublin City Council's Customer Services Centre (01) 222 2222 or after hours at 1800 293949
- Reporting 'bonfire materials' online at <http://www.dublincity247.ie/>

In South Central we will follow a twin track approach to the removal of materials. Where materials are discovered, they will be removed immediately or the site will be watched and materials will be removed when they have built up. We are identifying the major geographic areas at risk and intelligence gathering on the assembly of materials in these areas. We will also be utilising drones to augment CCTV and reports from the public to assist in establishing the location of bonfire materials.

Staff from Housing and Public Domain will concentrate on Housing complexes and green spaces within DCC Housing estates or flat complexes. Parks Department will be responsible for the removal of bonfire material and bonfire prevention in DCC parks. As we did in 2018, we have agreed arrangements for support from the Gardaí.

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