

Date: 01/04/2023

To: The chairperson and members of North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 17th April, 2023.

PUBLIC DOMAIN TEAM UPDATE FOR THE APRIL MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

Special Clean Ups

The channels along the cycle lane on the Malahide Road were scraped, the pedestrian islands were swept and litter picking was done along the railings.









Illegal Dumping

The grass cutting season has commenced and already vast quantities of grass clippings are being left out by private households for collection by DCC. This is not acceptable.

100k tonnes of green waste is disposed of each year in Ireland, half of which is grass clippings equating to **5,000 refuse trucks**. This green waste takes up limited landfill space and degrades to pollute surface and ground waters, creates foul odours, attracts pests and generates methane gas- a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Dublin City Council branded bags are only given to registered resident associations, tidy towns & environmental groups to assist with the removal of litter during an organised community litter pick. The groups liaise with Dublin City Council to let us know when, where and what time the litter pick is taking place and are instructed to present the bags for collection at a designated spot.

These bags are <u>not</u> to be used when cutting grass, hedging or plants within the curtilage of private dwellings and should not be presented for DCC to collect. This constitutes illegal dumping and if detected, people will be prosecuted under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. **If residents wish to enhance a green space in their area, this requires the prior approval from the Parks Department**.

Dublin City Council accepts green waste at the following Bring Centres on the Northside:

- Collins Avenue, opposite DCU entrance, Dublin 9
- Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 (Beside Garda Station)

The charges for Green Waste are as follows: €2 per bag (80 litres max) €16 per skip bag (1m³; skip bags are available from most hardware stores).

Our Waste Management Department have developed 12 new composting guides to help households - these are available on the Dublin City Council website Composting at Home | Dublin City Council

Shop Fronts

The North Central Area Public Domain team continue to arrange the power hosing and cleaning of the public footpath in front of commercial premises by the 6am crew to have them looking pristine for business opening time.





<u>Graffiti</u>

We report racist, offensive graffifi without delay and ensure that the graffiti removal team responds quickly. Here they are cleaning a well used walkway in Fairview.



Community Litter Picking & Equipment

Registrations are currently being accepted from groups who would like to take part in Dublin Community Clean Up Day on Saturday 22nd April. So far the take up has been great and bags, gloves, litter pickers and hi viz vests are being delivered to groups to carry out their litter picking. Groups can email northcentral@dublincity.ie to register and request these items.











DUBLIN COMMUNITY 2023 CLEAN-UP DAY



SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023

#KeepDublinBeautiful www.dublincommunitycleanupday.ie



Area Enhancements

We arranged for an old flowerbed to be planted up in a problematic walkway at the Shanard Road shops in Santry. A local resident has agreed to water and weed the flower bed and we hope that in time, this area can be enhanced further to eliminate the illegal dumping taking place here.



Planters

A number of planter boxes throughout the Area have been repaired and relocated.





Signage

A new Cast iron sign has been installed on Greendale Road at junction with the Howth Road.



Richard Cleary
Public Domain Officer

<u>Joanne O'Sullivan</u> Acting Environmental Liaison Officer