


HOUSEHOLDER QUESTIONNAIRE





In Ireland, waste generation and resource use are growing at unsustainable levels particularly due to the recent strong economic growth in the economy. On a local level, Arranmore Island can not sustain the dumping of waste in un-engineered and unregulated sites. It places severe pressure on the environment, water sources, habitats and native wildlife species. It is now easier than ever to do your bit towards caring for the environment and building a cleaner, healthier life for your family. If we all reduce the amount of rubbish we produce, reuse more of the products we already have and recycle as much as possible, we will dramatically reduce our waste levels.

RPS Consulting Engineers in consultation with Comharchumann Oileán Árann Mhór Teo are preparing a Waste Management Plan for Arranmore Island. This questionnaire has been prepared in order to obtain the views and opinions of the Islanders.

A number of specific questions have been asked to find out the needs of the Islanders in relation to waste. You are also invited to submit comments in writing in relation to views or concerns regarding waste management practices on the Island. Please participate in this questionnaire and have your say in improving and maintaining the character and environment of Arranmore Island.

Why?

Comharchumann Oileán Árinn Mhór Teo are working in partnership with Donegal County Council and RPS Consulting Engineers to prepare a Waste Management Plan for the Island.

What is a Waste Management Plan?

It is a document which will set out how waste will be managed on the Island for the next five years.

Why me?

The residents of Arranmore know the Island better than anyone else, therefore we are asking for your views, opinions and concerns (both good and bad) on waste management on the Island. The information gained from this questionnaire and your contribution will help improve the environmental sustainability of the Island for future generations.

Prize Draw

You can complete your contact details at the end of the questionnaire to enter our prize draw or you can fill out the questionnaire anonymously if you prefer.

Competition Closing Date: 19th December 2007

GENERAL INFORMATION

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How many people live in your household?

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five or more

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Please classify your house as one of the following:

- Privately owned
- Social/Council housing
- Privately rented
- Other

(Please specify)

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What type of accommodation best describes your home?

- Bungalow
- Detached
- Semi detached
- Other

(Please specify)

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Which of the following best describes your residence?

- Permanent
- Temporary
- Holiday/seasonal

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Where does your household obtain most of its provisions from?

(Please select one or more)

Island - Local shop

Mainland - Local shop

Mainland - Large supermarket

Home grown

Other

(Please specify)

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In relation to the packaging of the provisions brought onto the Island, do you think that the provisions are:

Over packaged

Adequately packaged

Under packaged

Don't know

ILLEGAL WASTE PRACTICES

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Do you believe illegal dumping of waste is an issue on Arranmore Island?

Yes

No

Don't know

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Do you believe the burning of waste is an issue on Arranmore Island?

Yes

No

Don't know

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What do you believe are the main causes for illegal dumping and burning of waste (including end of life vehicles)?

(Please specify).....
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What main barriers exist on the island that prevent you or your household from managing waste in an environmentally friendly way?

(Please specify).....

WASTE HABITS

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Do you currently recycle any of your household waste?

Yes (Continue to Question 12)
No (Continue to Question 14)

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If you recycle, what types of materials do you recycle?

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How do you recycle the materials?

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Do you compost any of the organic waste? Organic waste is waste that is compostable such as fruit, vegetable peelings and grass cuttings.

Yes (Continue to Question 15)
No (Continue to Question 16)

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How do you compost your organic waste?

Home composting unit
Spread throughout the garden/green space

WASTE COLLECTION

A fortnightly private waste collection service has recently been introduced on the Island

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Do you avail of a waste collection service?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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If yes, how often do you use the service?

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Once a month
- Every six weeks
- Other

(Please specify).....

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Would you prefer a more frequent waste collection service?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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In general, how satisfied are you with the waste services provided on the Island?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

If you are satisfied or dissatisfied please specify your reasons

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Please feel free to make any comments on the existing waste management services in the space provided below:

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Please indicate whether you believe the following measures have the potential to be used as waste prevention measures within households on Arranmore Island

	Yes	No
Increased education and awareness campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of receptacles for home compostable waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk mail filters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are there any other measures which you believe would be beneficial in terms of preventing waste within households? Please specify, if yes.

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Do you believe that consumers have a role to play in waste prevention in terms of making informed purchasing decisions, such as buying good with less packaging?

Yes
No

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What measures do you believe could be introduced most effectively to reduce the hazardous components of household waste? Hazardous household waste includes things such as household batteries, bleach, paint and thinners etc.

Separate Collection
Take back schemes to point of origin
Other

(Please specify)

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Regarding the hazardous component of household waste what collection frequency do you think would be appropriate for the Island?

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|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Annually | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

(Please specify).....

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Regarding waste electrical and electronic equipment what collection frequency do you think would be appropriate for the Island? Waste electrical and electronic equipment includes things such as an old fridge, cooker, toaster, basically anything with a plug or battery) etc.

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|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Annually | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | (Please specify) | |

POTENTIAL WASTE PROVISION

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Would you like to recycle more of your waste?

- Yes
- No

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Would you be happier if you could avail of a waste collection service similar to the mainland i.e. – your recyclable waste collected one week and your residual waste (waste sent to landfill) collected the next?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Would you be prepared to use a blue bin for the collection of mixed dry recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic and cans?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Please rank the following recycling services which would benefit you most? (Rank 1-5)

- Recycling waste collection services from household
- Glass bring bank service
- Tin and can bring bank service
- Home Composter
- A household waste recycling centre on the Island

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Would you pay to use a waste recycling centre that would collect materials such as cars, glass, bulky goods, and waste electrical and electronic equipment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Who do you think should set up and manage such a facility?

- Co-Op
- Private Individual/Company
- Don't mind
- Don't know

Please return your completed questionnaire to the address below. Completed questionnaires should be posted to the address below before 19th December 2007:

**RPS Consulting Engineers,
The Enterprise Fund Business Centre
Ballyraine,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal**

1st Prize:

A €30.00 gift voucher for the shop of your choice has been kindly donated by Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór Teo.

2nd Prize:

A home composter has been donated by RPS Consulting Engineers.

The winners will be randomly selected after this date and notified in time for Christmas!

You can complete your contact details to enter our prize draw or you can fill out the questionnaire anonymously if you prefer. To be eligible to enter our prize draw please complete your details below.

Name:-	
Address:-	

The winner of the prize draw will be randomly selected after this date and notified in due course.

In the event of any queries or clarification, respondents can contact Debbie Nesbitt on 074 9161927 for more information.



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