

Waste management

Irish people are generating more and more waste. Facilities for handling waste are decreasing. Currently a Regional Waste Management Plan is being evolved to address the short to medium term waste handling problem. But in the longer term, sustainable solutions are required that will enable Ireland achieve its Kyoto targets. The following consensus emerged from the Rural Development Review Group in relation to the County Waste Management Strategy:

- The primary focus should be on not mixing waste
- Resources need to be targeted at promotion of non-mixing solutions and children may provide the means of access of the message to most homes
- There needs to be a community participation and that this may best be achieved by smaller rather than larger solutions and the proximity principle (reed beds, community composting, etc) (A current project of the Co Council supported by the South Tipperary Platform is to put recycling bays into 60+ villages in the County).