**Pay By Weight Update - Introduction of transition period.**

* At the end of June the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Mr. Simon Coveney following discussion with representatives of the waste industry agreed a price freeze until the end of June 2017 for householders availing of a waste collection service.
* As part of this agreement it is intended that customers availing of a waste collection service will from January 2017, through a system of dual billing be provided with the following information:

Details of weight of waste that they are presenting per collection.

Details of their costs under the current price plan.

Details of the comparative charge if they were on a ‘pay by weight’ system.

* At the end of this transition period (July 2017) a review of the transition period will be carried out by the Government and further decisions on the introduction of ‘pay by weight’ will be made following the review.
* In this transition period householders are encouraged to
  + - * + Reduce the amount of waste they produce through smarter shopping.
        + Reduce food waste by meal planning, correct storage and use of leftovers.
        + Reuse whenever possible through use of charity shops and reuse websites such as [www.freetradeireland.ie](http://www.freetradeireland.ie)
        + Avail of brown bin service for food waste if living in a population centre of over 500 households.
        + Use a home composting bin for kitchen and garden waste.
        + Separate out waste correctly for recycling.
        + Use local bottle banks for recycling of bottles and jars.

For support on managing your waste contact Sharon Cameron, Environment Awareness Officer with Mayo County Council, 094 9024444, email: [environment@mayococo.ie](mailto:environment@mayococo.ie) [www.facebook.com/greeningmayo](http://www.facebook.com/greeningmayo)

See also: [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie) [www.brownbin.ie](http://www.brownbin.ie) and [www.curwmo.ie](http://www.curwmo.ie)