



## APPLICATION FORM

# NATIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: €1000

## 2 National Highly Commended Awards: €500 Each

In 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring a special competition:  
The EPA Tidy Towns Special Award for Waste Prevention.

This award is to recognise communities that have undertaken activities to prevent waste and use resources efficiently. When we talk about waste prevention, we're not talking about recycling; **we're talking about not generating waste in the first place.** The award is not just waste focused - reducing water use, reducing materials use, or reducing energy use are all included. This can be achieved by consuming less and using resources and materials efficiently.

**This competition is open to any community group**



Name of Tidy Town or community group: \_\_\_\_\_



# EPA TIDY TOWNS SPECIAL AWARD FOR WASTE PREVENTION

## What 'waste prevention' activities will the EPA be looking for in competition entries?

Any initiatives to reduce: waste, water use, energy use, or use of materials.

This can be something done by the community, householders, businesses, schools, with your local authority, or other organisations.

It can be a particular project, some awareness raising activities, or a mix of different actions.

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## What is included?

Making less waste; using less water, less energy or less materials;

Reusing, upcycling, repairing, swapping, exchanging, restoring; new life for old goods.

Visit [localprevention.ie/tidy-towns](http://localprevention.ie/tidy-towns) for ideas. Everything you need is on this website but if you still have any queries send an email marked "Tidy Towns Waste Prevention award" to [info@epa.ie](mailto:info@epa.ie).

Your local authority Environment Awareness Officer may also be able to help.

## Activities not considered:

Activities like waste recycling, waste segregation, bring banks, litter picking and managing dog fouling are all important steps in the waste management hierarchy, but are not covered by this award.

## Judging the award:

All entries will be assessed by a panel of judges appointed by the EPA. Successful entries will be those judged to have implemented a variety of waste prevention measures and raised awareness of waste prevention across the community.

An ongoing programme of initiatives would be more favourable than a one-off project.

## Entry Submission:

Entries can be submitted either:

(Preferably) by email to [info@epa.ie](mailto:info@epa.ie) marked "Tidy Towns Waste Prevention award", or by post to Tidy Towns Waste Prevention award, Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford.

**Closing date for submissions: as per the main competition.**

Looking for inspiration? Visit [localprevention.ie/tidy-towns](http://localprevention.ie/tidy-towns) for ideas on what we're looking for and examples of what some communities are already doing

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Name of Tidy Town or other community group: \_\_\_\_\_

Main contact person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reply either by:

- (Preferably) writing in this document (available in PDF and Word from [www.localprevention.ie/tidy-towns](http://www.localprevention.ie/tidy-towns)) and submitting electronically.
- In a separate Word or other such document (please keep to the max word content) and submitting electronically or by post.
- Printing this form, filling in by hand, and submitting by post.

Tidy Towns Competition Terms and Conditions apply as appropriate. Any material submitted may be used in promotion of the award.



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Please provide an outline as to how the community is implementing “waste prevention” projects and promoting waste prevention following the format below in no more than **1000** words:

- List and describe the waste prevention projects or awareness raising activities carried out in your community
- Indicate the level of participation
- Summarise the kind of outcomes you achieved
- Outline the benefits to the wider community

**Please also submit a small number of photos, preferably electronically by attaching the files to your email submission, or by providing a link to a website.**

Fill in your submission here:



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