

EPA's National Statistics - Progress towards EU waste recycling, recovery and diversion targets. Updated 24th November 2017.

Directive	Title	Article	Targets		Current progress to target in Ireland	Indicator
			Target date	Specifics		
94/62/EC as amended	Packaging Directive ¹	6(1)	31-12-2011	60% as a minimum by weight of packaging waste will be recovered or incinerated at waste incineration plants with energy recovery.	91%	Achieved
				55% as a minimum by weight of packaging waste will be recycled.	68%	Achieved
				No later than 31 st December 2011 the following minimum recycling targets for materials contained in packaging waste will be attained:		
				(i) 60% by weight for glass;	88%	Achieved
				(ii) 60% by weight for paper and board;	80%	Achieved
				(iii) 50% by weight for metals;	75%	Achieved
				(iv) 22.5% by weight for plastics, counting exclusively material that is recycled back into plastics;	34%	Achieved
				(v) 15% by weight for wood.	85%	Achieved
2002/96/EC	WEEE Directive ²	5(5)	(31-12-2006) 31-12-2008 ³	Separate collection of > 4kg of WEEE from private households per person per year.	8.6 kg	Achieved
		7(2)		For large household appliances: - – recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 80% by an average weight per appliance; and – component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 75% by an average weight per appliance.	93% 83%	Achieved
				For small household appliances: - – the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and – component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance.	93% 78%	Achieved
				For IT and telecommunications equipment: - – the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 75% by an average weight per appliance; and – component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 65% by an average weight per appliance.	94% 81%	Achieved
				For consumer equipment: - – the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 75% by an average weight per appliance; and – component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 65% by an average weight per appliance.	96% 87%	Achieved

¹ 2015 data.

² 2015 data.

³ Ireland secured a two-year derogation.

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2002/96/EC	WEEE Directive ²		(31-12-2006) 31-12-2008 ³	For lighting equipment: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance. 	94% 92%	Achieved
				For gas discharge lamps, the rate of component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall reach a minimum of 80% by weight of the lamps.	92%	Achieved
				For electrical & electronic tools: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance. 	93% 79%	Achieved
				For toys, leisure and sports equipment: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance. 	94% 81%	Achieved
				For medical devices: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance. 	93% 79%	Achieved
				For monitoring and control instruments: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rate of recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 50% by an average weight per appliance. 	93% 78%	Achieved
				For automatic dispensers: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recovery shall be increased to a minimum of 80% by an average weight per appliance; and component, material and substance reuse and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 75% by an average weight per appliance. 	96% 83%	Achieved

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2000/53/EC	End of Life Vehicles Directive ⁴	7(2)(a)	1-1-2006	Reuse and recovery to a minimum of 85% by average weight of vehicle and year.	91% ⁵	Achieved
				Reuse and recycling to a minimum of 80% by average weight of vehicle and year.	82% ⁵	Achieved
		7(2)(b)	1-1-2015	Reuse and recovery to a minimum of 95% by average weight of vehicle and year.	92%	Fail Due January 2015
				Reuse and recycling to a minimum of 85% by average weight of vehicle and year.	83%	Fail Due January 2015
2006/66/EC	Batteries Directive	10(2)	31-12-11	Minimum 25% collection rate for batteries & accumulators.	29% ⁶	Achieved
			26-9-2016	Minimum 45% collection rate for batteries & accumulators.	48% ⁷	Achieved
		12(4)	26-9-2011	Recycling processes shall achieve the following minimum recycling efficiencies:		
				(a) recycling of 65 % by average weight of lead-acid batteries and accumulators, including recycling of the lead content to the highest degree that is technically feasible while avoiding excessive costs;	86% ⁷	Achieved
				(b) recycling of 75 % by average weight of nickel-cadmium batteries and accumulators, including recycling of the cadmium content to the highest degree that is technically feasible while avoiding excessive costs; and	85% ⁷	Achieved
				(c) recycling of 50 % by average weight of other waste batteries and accumulators.	57% ⁷	Achieved

⁴ 2015 data.

⁵ 2014 data, the last reference year the first targets under the ELV Directive applied to.

⁶ Collection rate for 2011, target year.

⁷ 2016 data.

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1999/31/EC	Landfill Directive	5(2)	(16-7-2006) 16-7-2010 ⁸	Biodegradable municipal waste going to landfills must be reduced to 75% of the total quantity (by weight) biodegradable municipal waste produced in 1995 (< 916,000 t)	860,000 t ⁹	Achieved
			(16-7-2009) 16-7-2013	Biodegradable municipal waste going to landfills must be reduced to 50% of the total quantity (by weight) biodegradable municipal waste produced in 1995 (< 610,000 t)	381,000 t ¹⁰	On track Due July 2020
			(16-7-2016) 16-7-2020	Biodegradable municipal waste going to landfills must be reduced to 35% of the total quantity (by weight) biodegradable municipal waste produced in 1995 (427,000 t)	(390,000 t) ¹¹	On track Due December 2020
2008/98/EC	Waste Framework Directive ¹²	11(2)(a)	12-12-2020	Preparing for reuse and recycling of 50% by weight of household derived paper, metal, plastic & glass.	45%	On track Due December 2020
		11(2)(b)	12-12-2020	Preparing for reuse, recycling and other material recovery (incl. beneficial backfilling operations using waste as a substitute) of 70% by weight of C&D non-hazardous waste (excluding natural soils & stone)	68%	On track Due December 2020
		29	12-12-2013	Establishment of a National Waste Prevention Programme (NWPP)	NWPP established in 2004	Achieved

⁸ Ireland secured four-year derogations on each target.

⁹ Biodegradable municipal waste disposed to landfill in 2010.

¹⁰ Biodegradable municipal waste disposed to landfill in 2013.

¹¹ Biodegradable municipal waste disposed to landfill in 2016.

¹² 2014 data.