Safer Halloween

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Fingal Community Safer Halloween is an initiative of Fingal County Council supporting local community and voluntary groups to provide diversionary activities for young people and encourage greater safety during Halloween. This leaflet provides information on:

- Fingal Festival of Fire
- Tips on how to stay safe during Halloween
- Fingal Halloween Recycling Amnesty
- How to report stockpiling and removal of bonfire material
- Go Green this Halloween

FINGAL FESTIVAL OF FIRE

31st October 2023

VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT FINGAL

Join us for the Fingal Festival of Fire on Tuesday, 31 October in the following locations:

- **Swords Town Park (Behind the Castle)**
- **Malahide Castle**
- **Bremore Castle, Balbriggan**
- **Millennium Park, Blanchardstown**

Scan the QR Code for more information and find your local Safer Halloween Event

Bonfire Material Removal / Report Stockpiling

€150,000

Fingal County Council is expected to spend in cleaning up and repairing damage caused by illegal bonfires

Bonfires and the burning of waste are illegal. Fingal County Council spends up to €150,000 each year to clean up & repair damage caused by bonfires. This money is better invested in playgrounds, playing pitches, community centres and in the planting of trees and flowers.

Please report stockpiling to the relevant Operations Area by phoning **01 890 5000** or alternatively email:

Balbriggan/Swords Ops: BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie
Malahide/Howth Ops: HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie
Castleknock/Mulhuddart Ops: casmuloparea@fingal.ie

Stockpiling in commercial / retail locations (shop, restaurants, hotels) should be reported to Fingal Litter Management Section at **01 890 5000** or by email: **environment@fingal.ie**

Halloween Amnesty at Recycling Centres

9 months

Grass & Soil damaged by bonfires will take 9 months to recovers

Household combustible materials (beds, sofas, wooden doors etc.) will be accepted free of charge at Fingal County Council's Recycling Centres for residents of Fingal (will require proof of address) from **Monday 16th October to Saturday 28th October**. Centre times including:

Coolmine Recycling Centre from 9am to 4pm (last vehicle entry 3.00pm) from Monday to Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Coolmine Recycling Centre is located in Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15. Beside Coolmine Fire Station.
Telephone: (01) 890 5986

Estuary Recycling Centre from 8am to 8pm from Monday to Friday (last vehicle entry 7.00pm), and from 8am to 6pm on the Saturday (last vehicle entry 5.00pm).

Estuary Recycling Centre is located in Swords.
Beside Swords Business Park
Telephone: (01) 890 5985

For further information visit **https://www.fingal.ie/recycling-centres**

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Go Green
This Halloween

Decorations
Make your own or reuse spooky decorations instead of buying

Costumes
Buy second-hand, reuse old outfits, or make your own ghoulish costumes! Use face paints rather than buying plastic masks

Treats
Buy locally produced foods, sweets and devil treats. Consider minimal packaging or recycled materials

Pumpkins
Buy pumpkins from local farms or grow your own. Use everything from toasting seeds to pumpkin soup and a ghostly pasta bake

Transportation
Trick or Treat by walking around your locality instead of the dreaded drive

Compost
Consider composting all your creepy organic matter and recycling other items.

Recycle
Your leftover ghastly food, cans, plastic and glass bottles can be recycled. Add them all to your recycling bin.

Halloween Hazards

The Lighting Of Bonfires Is Prohibited
Don't Allow A Bonfire On Your Local Open Space

Tips On How To Stay Safe:

❌ Never use a bonfire as an opportunity to dump your waste as most household goods can cause poisonous pollutants.

❌ Never light a bonfire near residential or commercial areas & keep away from the cables and pylons.

❌ Bonfires destroy parks, playing pitches trees and flowers. A bonfire should never contain: Tyres • Aerosols • Foam Filled Furniture Batteries • Bottles • Tins of Paint

✅ Keep your pets indoors out of harms way as this can be frightening & daunting for them.

✅ Motorists should be extra vigilant on Halloween for children crossing roads & moving between parked cars.

✅ In case of an emergency dial 999 or 112 for the Fire Brigade immediately.

This Halloween let's keep everyone Safer as well as Spooooky

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