



Commitment to the Food Waste Charter Agreement

FOOD AND DRINK BUSINESSES

The Food Waste Charter is a public expression of commitment to reduce food waste by businesses and organisations in Ireland. The Charter is a voluntary agreement to accelerate action to reach Ireland's food waste reduction target under the UN Sustainable Development Goal 12.3. The Charter promotes a collective industry commitment to measure, reduce and report food waste along the entire food supply chain.

Membership of the Food Waste Charter is open to food sector businesses that produce, process, manufacture, distribute or sell food and drink. Please fill out this form to pledge your business commitment.

Food and drink businesses that sign up to the Charter commit to the following:

- 1. MEASURE: by monitoring and tracking of their food waste**
- 2. REDUCE: by identifying and taking at least one target-based action to reduce food waste, and**
- 3. REPORT: By reporting annually to the EPA on progress towards measurable outcomes and achievements**

Tick the most appropriate sector for your organisation:

- Farming and Fishery
- Food Manufacturing and Processing
- Food Wholesale and Distribution
- Food Retail
- Restaurant and Food Service
- Hotels and Accommodation

Our Food Waste Charter pledge:

	Tick all to confirm
We are committed to the Food Waste Charter and pledge to working together to reduce food waste.	
We will prioritise tackling food loss and food waste as a key action to reduce resource use, help combat climate change and support Ireland's transition to a circular economy and bioeconomy.	
We recognise that preventing and reducing food waste brings savings for businesses, through improved resource efficiencies, contributing to a lower carbon footprint, and addresses increased expectations from customers and shareholders in terms of sustainable food sources and reduced carbon impacts.	
We commit to measure the quantity of food waste within our business's current operations, using the consistent and standardised approach set out in the EPA Protocol/Pathway and guidelines ¹ to measure food surplus and waste in accordance with the international Food Loss and Waste Standard.	
We commit to working to reduce food waste within the business:	
1. By measuring where food is being wasted, we will identify the appropriate intervention with the greatest potential to reduce food waste in the business.	
2. By setting appropriate target(s) in our business for food waste reduction that meet national targets and associated milestones (best practice is to set a target that 'meets or exceeds' SDG target 12.3.).	
3. By implementing at least one target-based food waste prevention initiative over the next twelve months (and continuing to take target-based actions annually).	
4. By reporting annually to the EPA, or a nominated third party, on our food waste data and our commitments and achievements to prevent and reduce food waste and provide a narrative on progress towards measurable outcomes. (An annual progress report on the Food Waste Charter will be published in aggregated form only).	
We will work above and below our position on the supply chain (i.e. suppliers and customers) and collaborate with supply chain partners to reduce food waste in the food supply chain.	
We will support national Food Waste Charter events and campaigns, including Stop Food Waste the national consumer-facing campaign, and promote these through our internal and customer communication channels.	
We are committed to the objectives of the Government's National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap, Food Vision 2030 and the EPA-led National Food Waste Prevention Programme to meet national targets to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 and associated milestones.	

In recognition of your commitment to the Food Waste Charter and agreement to taking the required actions to deliver measurable outcomes, your business name and logo will be added to the list of committed businesses and organisations on the Food Waste Charter website.

¹ See <https://foodwastecharter.ie>

Please fill out the following information:

Name of business	
NACE code	
Facility/ Site/ Address	
Organisation size (e.g. employee numbers)	
<u>Name of primary contact</u>	
Position within Company	
E-mail address	
Telephone number	
<u>Name of secondary contact</u>	
Position within company	
Email address	
Telephone number	

Please tick the appropriate boxes:

I consent to allow the EPA to contact me using the contact details provided Yes No

I would like to receive email updates on the Food Waste Charter from the EPA Yes No

I consent to allow the EPA to use our company logo on the Food Waste Charter website to show commitment by our organisation Yes No

Upon selecting yes, please remember to include your company logo in JPEG format as an email attachment.

Signed:

Name:

Position (Board Level*):

****This pledge must be signed at an appropriate senior level within the company.***

Please return this document by email to: foodwastecharter@epa.ie (not forgetting to attach the company logo if consent given above)