



Eco-Home Update!

We have extended our Eco-Home programme with a focus on waste & recycling!

Hello from Eco-Home,

Welcome to our first Eco-Home Bulletin of the New Year! A big thank you to those of you who have already registered with the Eco-Home programme. By registering your household you are actively helping to preserve our environment, reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill, and saving money. We hope that you have started to implement the Eco-Home action plans and the various tips that we suggest on our website and in the Householder Handbook. Hopefully you are noticing savings and waste reduction in your household.

[Our Eco-Home website](#) has a multitude of tips, information and advice on how you can live in a more sustainable manner in your home, ways in which you can save money, and all the latest Eco-Home news. We will be updating the website on a regular basis so please visit it. You can also join us on Facebook at **Eco-Home Northern Ireland** and on Twitter **@EcoHomeNI**.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us on info@eco-homeni.org or call us on 028 9073 6920.

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- Read about our new Eco-Home Student project;
- Read about our Eco-Home Community project.

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Eco-Home Student Project

Students will ponder the problems of waste and the profits of recycling with our new project. TIDY Northern Ireland has been funded by the NGO Challenge Fund, which is administered by NIEL, to expand our Eco-Home project to local Belfast college campuses to include Stranmillis University College, Queen's University and Belfast MET.

The aim of the project is to increase awareness of the issues surrounding waste disposal and recycling; to provide students with ideas on how to save money and the environment through practical advice; and hopefully develop lifelong eco-attitudes!

The Eco-Home team will be running workshops, disseminating information and completing research questionnaires with groups of fledgling student eco-enthusiasts. Registering with Eco-Home and completing the short survey will allow the students to find out how eco-friendly their home is and they will also be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win some goodies. Students are also invited to attend a BIG Spring Clean, Northern Ireland's largest clean-up.

Eco-Home Community Project

The Eco-Home Community project will work in association with Belfast City Council's "Zero Waste Community Grant Scheme", which aims to reduce the amount of household waste being sent to landfill and promotes sustainable living.

Registering households have the opportunity to complete a survey to receive scores across four areas: Waste, Energy, Water and Transport.

Simple tips and actions explain how to improve scores. At this stage participants are entered into a prize draw for a fantastic family day out!

We will be working closely with local communities, so keep an eye out for more information!