

***Comhar* – the National Sustainable Development Partnership**

Recommendations regarding construction and demolition waste in Ireland

We recommend:

- That the EPA recommendations¹ on better information and on recovery targets should be adopted, i.e.
 - apply the targets set out in “*Changing Our Ways*” to individual waste fractions;
 - set the recovery target for the soil and stones fraction at 100%, with the 85% target applying to the remainder of the waste stream and its individual components.
- That the Department of the Environment and Local Government should issue a circular letter to local authorities to provide guidance on this type of waste and the EPA/local authority role from licensing and permitting to monitoring and enforcement.
- That an information leaflet should be produced on legislation covering this waste, where permission is to be sought and who controls same, for both the general public and the industry.
- That a second leaflet should be drafted on categories and types of building waste, options of reuse and recycling in the State and contact addresses. This should be aimed at both the home improvement DIY sector and smaller building firms.

¹ EPA, National Waste Database Report 1998, p. 54

- That a seminar should be held by the EPA for the building trade and local authorities to clarify why licences/permits are needed, how best to streamline the system and pending EU law on construction waste.
- That training courses should be provided for specific target groups, including hauliers and digger/bulldozer drivers, to explain legislation and, in fieldtrips, to show operators at- risk habitats and key species. This recommendation might be taken up by the Construction Industry.

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