

Greening your LEADER Project

This guide is for groups and people who are considering applying for LEADER funding in Tipperary. Consideration of the environment and climate action is important at all stages of your project - planning, applying for funding, implementation, monitoring, and communicating your impact. This guide is to support you in that process.

Think before Constructing / Retrofitting

- ✓ Locate windows where sun light will be captured
- ✓ Choose eco-friendly building materials
- ✓ Repurpose recycled materials
- ✓ Include your eco-friendly specifications in the request for tender
- ✓ Repair and retrofit existing buildings where possible



Reduce Energy Consumption

- ✓ Use solar energy, heat pumps and improve insulation in buildings
- ✓ Use Energy Star-rated appliances
- ✓ Use energy-efficient air hand dryers in bathrooms
- ✓ Install LED and motion sensor lighting
- ✓ Use programmable thermostats
- ✓ Turn off appliances when not in use
- ✓ Avoid purchasing items which use high amounts of fossil fuel energy to produce
- ✓ Visit <https://www.seai.ie/> for more information



Reduce Transport

- ✓ Support local food producers and traders for events
- ✓ Shop local for goods and services
- ✓ Hold online or hybrid meetings
- ✓ Support walking, cycling (cycle stands) and shared transport
- ✓ Support local public transport. See www.transportforireland.ie & <https://locallinktipperary.ie/>
- ✓ Support the use of electric or zero emissions vehicles & install EV charging points



Conserve Water

- ✓ Add rain barrels to conserve water and help reduce runoff
- ✓ Install low-flow sensor faucet aerators in bathroom sinks
- ✓ Use nature-based solutions where possible for drainage
- ✓ See <https://www.water.ie/conservation> for more advice



Reduce Waste

- ✓ Reuse, recycle, repair, repurpose or refurbish items
- ✓ Purchase second hand
- ✓ Have a “no single use plastic” policy
- ✓ Implement a recycling program – see <https://repak.ie/> for advice
- ✓ Install adequate recycling stations
- ✓ Avoid food waste and compost any unwanted waste
- ✓ Minimise food packaging waste
- ✓ See <https://mywaste.ie/> for more advice



Reduce Pollution

- ✓ Use non-toxic cleaning supplies
- ✓ Switch to refillable cleaning supplies
- ✓ Avoid use of pesticides, herbicides and other harmful chemicals to living things
- ✓ Avoiding water pollution from agriculture, sewerage and chemicals
- ✓ See <https://www.farmingfornature.ie/> for more advice



Protect Land & Nature

- ✓ Incorporate native plants and trees throughout the area - see <https://pollinators.ie/>
- ✓ Consider growing food and encourage community involvement
- ✓ Avoid disturbing trees, green areas or bog land
- ✓ Protect space for nature & biodiversity
- ✓ Support agriculture which does not pollute the soil or water
- ✓ Avoid food products with unsustainable or unethical ingredients



Resilience, Engagement & Education

- ✓ Consider how the project will be resilient against extreme temperatures, storms, flooding etc
- ✓ Try to make more environmentally friendly changes that go beyond the project
- ✓ Discuss environmental issues and solutions within the wider community