

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Infrastructure & Climate Change

Cleansing Section



Blue Flag Award 2024

Introduction

The Blue Flag is run by The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE); a non-profit organisation that promotes sustainable development in freshwater and marine areas. The Foundation for Environmental Education is the international operator for the Blue Flag. The Blue Flag is a global programme with 49 countries participating internationally. The Blue Flag challenges local authorities and beach operators to achieve high standards in four areas:

1. Water quality
2. Environmental management
3. Environmental education
4. Safety

Who is responsible for the Blue Flag?

On a local level Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are responsible for acquiring and retaining the Blue Flag for suitable bathing areas within the county. The Blue Flag season lasts one year and so applications are done on an annual basis.

The Cleansing Section of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is responsible for the Blue Flag application.

On a national level the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for setting out the calendar for water testing dates.

An Taisce is the National operator of the Blue Flag within Ireland and is responsible for ensuring compliance of Irish beaches participating in the Blue Flag programme.

The National Trust for Ireland operates the programme on behalf of FEE in Ireland. The Blue Flag programme is funded in Ireland by the Department of the Housing, Planning & Local Government.

Blue Flag Season

The Blue Flag season for beaches in Ireland coincides with the bathing season which runs from the beginning of **June to the middle of September**. Blue Flag sites are only awarded for one season at a time.

Blue Flag Application Process in DLRCC

In late autumn every year, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC), Cleansing & Beaches section, Infrastructure & Climate Change prepare the application for the Blue Flag Award.

In order to qualify for this prestigious award, a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety-related and access-related criteria must be met and maintained. At beaches, the bathing water must comply with the excellent standard in accordance with the 2006 EU Bathing Water Directive.

The Blue Flag programme requires that beaches achieve excellent bathing water quality, taking into account bathing water sampling results from the bathing seasons of the previous four years.

In 2024, DLRCC received Blue Flags awards at Seapoint Beach and Killiney Beach.

For more information on the Blue Flag - <http://www.blueflag.global>

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BRAT GORM / BLUE FLAG



An Taisce

Tá brat gorm bronnta ar Trá Chill Iníon Léinín don 2024 séasúr snámha

A blue flag has been awarded to Killiney Beach for the 2024 bathing season

CAD É AN BRAT GORM?

Is éicillipéad deonach, idirnáisiúnta é an Brat Gorm do thránna agus muiríní. Bronntar an Brat Gorm ar thránna agus muiríní a chomhlíonann sraith chritéar faoi leith:

- Eolas & oideachas Comhshaoil
 - Caighdeán farraige
- Sábháilteacht & Seirbhísí
 - Bainistiú Comhshaoil

WHAT IS THE BLUE FLAG?

The Blue Flag is an international, voluntary eco-label for beaches and marinas. The Blue Flag is awarded to beaches and marinas that meet a specific set of criteria:

- Environmental information & education
 - Water quality
 - Safety & services
- Environmental Management

CÉ FHEIDHMÍONN CLÁR AN BHRAIT GHOIRM?

Feidhmítear clár an Bhrait Ghoirm in Éirinn ag An Taisce – an tionsaobhas Náisiúnta dÉirinn le tacaíocht na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus thar ceann an Phorais um Oideachas Comhshaoil

WHO OPERATES THE BLUE FLAG PROGRAMME?

The International Blue Flag programme is operated in Ireland by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland with the support of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education

LE HAGHAIDH TUILLEADH EOLAIS AR AN MBRAT GORM, DÉAN TEAGHMÁIL LE: / FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE BLUE FLAG PLEASE CONTACT



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