



This week Radio Nova looked at the emergence of Refill Shops around the country.

#### **Did you know...**

- Ireland generated 1.12 million tonnes of packaging waste in 2020.
- Producing plastic products from recycled plastics reduces energy requirements by 66%.
- Recycling just 1 tonne of plastics saves 1,000–2,000 gallons of petroleum.
- It takes up to **500 years** for plastic to decompose.

#### **Why use a Refill Shop?**

- Most grocery products can be refilled in one of these shops
- Using a refill shop cuts out the cost to the customer of the usual unnecessary packaging
- By using a refill shop you are also supporting various local producers

#### **How does it work?**

1. Simply bring in your own containers. We weigh
2. The container is then weighed before it's filled, and then reweighed.
3. You pay for the products, not the packaging!

#### **Here's a few websites if you want to know more !**

[www.gozero.ie](http://www.gozero.ie) – the Zero Waste Directory of Ireland

[www.circularliving.ie](http://www.circularliving.ie) – A guide to Zero Waste and the Circular Economy in Ireland

[www.therefillmill.ie](http://www.therefillmill.ie)

