

Waters of LIFE Emailing List

Privacy Statement – Last Updated: November 2025

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for weather forecasting and for built and natural heritage.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of Waters of LIFE emailing list, how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Categories of personal data

The Department processes the following personal data in respect of the Waters of LIFE Emailing List:

- Name
- Email
- Any other personal information submitted by individuals (but not requested)

Source of the personal data

Your personal data was provided to the Department by signing up to the Waters of LIFE emailing list.

Purposes of the processing

The Department will use the information provided in order to keep you up to date with Waters of LIFE project activity.

The information provided may be used internally for audit or other compliance purposes where the Department has a lawful basis for such processing.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of the Waters of Life Mailing List for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

Lawfulness of processing

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1)(A).

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by emailing the Waters of LIFE at info@watersoflife.ie

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse.

In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

Personal data may be shared with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of the Building Standards Mailing List to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will your data be kept?

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed.

Your rights

The Department's **Data Protection Policy**, which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website.

The policy is also available in hard copy upon request. If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commission (www.dataprotection.ie), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

The Department is the Data Controller when processing your personal data for the purposes outlined above.

The Department's contact details are available at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/839bc-contact-the-department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/>

The Department has appointed a Data Protection Officer to support its compliance with data protection law. The contact details for the Department's Data Protection Officer are:

Data Protection Officer

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Newtown Road

Wexford

Email: [**data.protection@housing.gov.ie**](mailto:data.protection@housing.gov.ie)