



## Waterford City & County Council Cookie Policy

### What is a Cookie?

A cookie is a small piece of data that may be stored on your computer or mobile device. It allows a website “remember” your actions or preferences over a length of time.

Further information on cookies can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/ipg/basics/legal/cookies/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/ipg/basics/legal/cookies/index_en.htm)

### How are they used on this site?

This site uses 2 different types of cookie:

- Session Cookies
- Google Analytics Cookies

*Session Cookies* are temporary cookies that are not stored on your computer or mobile device. They are used as part of the registration process for financial security purposes. A session cookie is also used to remember your language preference when viewing the site. These session cookies are erased when you close your browser, or after 20 minutes of inactivity.

*Persistent cookies*, which our website does not use, are those placed on your computer or mobile device for a pre-determined length of time when you visit this site.

Waterford City & County Council also uses Google Analytics in assisting us to continuously develop our website.

*Google Analytics Cookies* used on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) site include:

Cookie Name	Expiration Time	Description
_ga	12 months from last visit	Used to distinguish visitors to site
_gat	10 minutes	Used to throttle request rate
_utmt	10 minutes	Used to throttle request rate

__utma	12 months from last visit	Used to distinguish visitors and pages visited. Records a unique ID, the date and time of first visit, time of current visit and total number of visits made
__utmb	30 minutes from last visit	Used to determine new sessions or visits. Stores the number of page views in current visit and start time of visit
__utmc	Session cookie	Used to note that the visit has ended when browser is closed
__utmz	6 months	Records the site you may have linked to our page from. Only records data if you clicked on a link to our site from a different website

## Managing Cookies

Within your browser you can choose whether you wish to accept cookies or not.

Different browsers make different controls available to you and so we provide links below to popular manufacturers' instructions on how you can do this. Generally, your browser will offer you the choice to accept, refuse or delete cookies at all times, or those from providers that website owners use ("third party cookies"), or those from specific websites.

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Internet Explorer](#)
- [Firefox](#)
- [Safari](#)
- [Safari Mobile](#)
- [Opera](#)

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