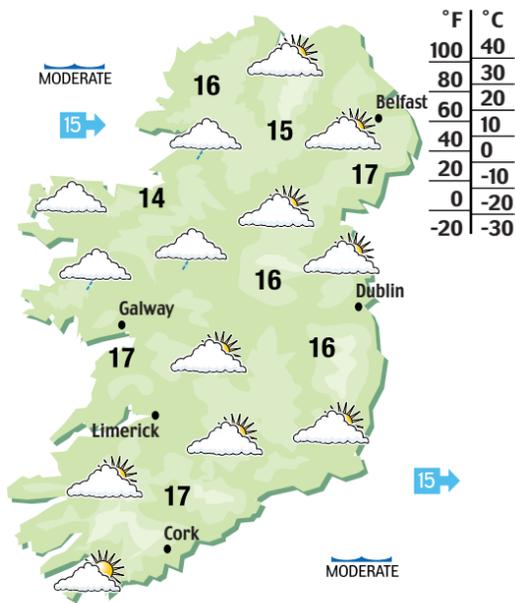


Weather forecast



°F	°C
100	40
80	30
60	20
40	10
20	0
0	-10
-20	-20

Summary: Some showers

IRELAND TODAY: Mainly dry in the south with increasing amounts of sunshine, but there is the risk of isolated showers this morning. Elsewhere, there will be some sunny spells, but also quite a lot of cloud with some showers possible. A breezy day. Max 19c.

Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
Belfast	☁ 14c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 14c
Cork	☁ 13c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 14c
Dublin	☁ 14c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c	☁ 16c	☁ 13c
Galway	☁ 14c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 15c	☁ 14c
Limerick	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c	☁ 16c	☁ 14c
Derry	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 14c
Valentia	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 14c
Wexford	☁ 14c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c	☁ 16c	☁ 14c
Mullingar	☁ 14c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 13c
Belmullet	☁ 14c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 15c	☁ 14c

5 day forecast

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Belfast	☁ 19c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 19c	☁ 19c
Cork	☁ 18c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 18c
Dublin	☁ 19c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 19c	☁ 19c
Galway	☁ 17c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 18c	☁ 18c
Limerick	☁ 20c	☁ 18c	☁ 19c	☁ 20c	☁ 19c

Around the world yesterday

City	Weather	Temp	City	Weather	Temp	City	Weather	Temp
Algiers	Fair	33 91	Gibraltar	Sunny	28 82	New Delhi	Fair	29 84
Amsterdam	Sunny	20 68	Guernsey	Sunny	18 64	New York	Sunny	26 79
Athens	Sunny	32 90	Helsinki	Showers	14 57	Nice	Sunny	25 77
Barcelona	Sunny	26 79	Hong Kong	Sunny	31 88	Oslo	Fair	18 64
Beijing	Sunny	26 79	Innsbruck	Sunny	21 70	Palma	Fair	32 90
Belrut	Sunny	30 86	Istanbul	Fair	26 79	Paris	Sunny	20 68
Belfast	Sunny	18 64	Jersey	Sunny	19 66	Perth	Showers	20 68
Belgrade	Sunny	22 72	Larnaca	Sunny	31 88	Prague	Sunny	21 70
Berlin	Cloudy	22 72	Las Palmas	Sunny	28 82	Rhodes	Sunny	30 86
Biarritz	Sunny	22 72	Lisbon	Sunny	24 75	Rome	Sunny	29 84
Brussels	Sunny	18 64	London	Sunny	20 68	Singapore	Cloudy	29 84
Budapest	Fair	22 72	Los Angeles	Sunny	27 81	Stockholm	Rain	16 61
Cairo	Sunny	34 93	Luxor	Sunny	39 102	Sydney	Fair	13 55
Cape Town	Drizzle	14 57	Madrid	Sunny	31 88	Tangier	Sunny	30 86
Cardiff	Cloudy	16 61	Malaga	Sunny	27 81	Tel Aviv	Fair	31 88
Casablanca	Sunny	27 81	Malta	Sunny	30 86	Tenerife	Sunny	29 84
Copenhagen	Fair	18 64	Melbourne	Sunny	12 54	Tokyo	Rain	25 77
Corfu	Sunny	31 88	Mexico City	Fair	21 70	Toronto	Cloudy	21 70
Dublin	Rain	15 59	Miami	Showers	29 84	Tunis	Sunny	33 91
Dubrovnik	Sunny	26 79	Milan	Fair	26 79	Vancouver	Cloudy	22 72
Edinburgh	Rain	15 59	Montreal	Fair	20 68	Venice	Sunny	26 79
Faro	Sunny	29 84	Moscow	Cloudy	14 57	Vienna	Sunny	22 72
Florence	Sunny	30 86	Mumbai	Drizzle	28 82	Warsaw	Sunny	21 70
Geneva	Showers	23 73	Nairobi	Sunny	24 75	Wellington	Sunny	12 54

Ireland yesterday

24 hours	Sun	Rain	Temp	Glenanne	Sun	Rain	Temp
(hrs)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)	(hrs)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)
24 hours	6.5	0.24	13	7.6	0.20	12	18
Belfast	6.5	0.24	13	7.5	**	**	**
Birr	7.4	**	**	7.7	0.16	13	15
Castlederg	7.4	0.24	13	7.7	0.16	13	15
Claremorris	5.4	0.53	13	6.8	0.00	12	17
Clones	6.2	**	**	7.7	**	**	**
Mullingar	6.9	0.41	13	7.5	0.32	14	18
Rosslare	8.5	**	**	8.4	0.07	13	17
Knock	5.6	0.85	12	5.2	0.12	14	16

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Moon and Sun
Moon rises: 11:47am, sets: 9:58pm
Sun rises: Dublin: 6:30am, sets: 8:19pm
Cork rises: 6:42am, sets: 8:25pm
High tide: Dublin: 3:14pm
Cork: 8:05pm

Extremes
(24 hrs to 6pm y'day) Warmest: Shannon, Co Clare, 18c (64f). Coldest: Lough Fea, Co Tyrone, 11c (52f). Wettest: Knock, Co Mayo, 0.85 ins. Sunniest: Rosslare, Co Wexford, 8.5hrs.

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Rail union bosses to attend today's talks and discuss postponing strikes

By Eamon Donoghue

UNION bosses threatening ongoing rail chaos have agreed to attend talks with Irish Rail chiefs today to discuss next weekend's planned strike action.

Yesterday Labour Relations Commission representatives made contact with Government, Irish Rail and union chiefs to schedule a meeting for 11.30am today.

It is believed that the talks will look to postpone next weekend's strike action which falls on All-Ireland hurling final Sunday. However, sources have explained to the Mail that a postponement to pay cuts may have to arrive first if the unions are to agree to any such withdrawal.

Further action has also been planned for the following Monday, which will once

again affect schools and universities, as well as more action on Sunday, September 21, when a final strike is planned on the day of the All-Ireland football final.

So far all sides involved insist that the talks are purely 'exploratory', yet hope remains for commuters that a compromise is possible. Both SIPTU and the National Bus and Rail workers Union have committed to the talks.

In a statement made last night, the NBRU general secretary Dermot O'Leary said: 'We understand that this invitation is designed to establish if there is a basis for further discussions around a more com-

prehensive agenda rather than one which has a disproportionate focus on our members wages, we will engage with the commission on this basis.'

While SIPTU organiser Paul Cullen added that his members had accepted the talks, but they too will be sticking to their guns on issues such as pay, past and future productivity and issues of trust and confidence.

Last weekend both schoolgoers, commuters and GAA fans had their travel plans severely disrupted as strikes ran on both Sunday and Monday.

Irish Rail representatives last night told the Mail that they are 'welcoming the talks', but their priority is the financial stability of Irish Rail.

Householders face 16-question form to get water allowance

By Senan Molony
Political Editor

HOUSEHOLDERS will have to fill out a detailed questionnaire before they are granted their promised free water allowance of 30,000 litres, it was revealed yesterday.

Forms from Irish Water are going out to two million homes next week and anybody who fails to complete and return the paperwork faces having their allowances withheld.

A householder will have to supply their PPS number in order to be granted the basic allowance of 30,000 litres a year. 'They kept this secret,' said TD

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Finian McGrath last night. 'It was always understood to be an automatic entitlement. It is clear now that it is just a threat to get people to comply and to set out other details, such as how they propose to pay.'

As well as their own PPS numbers, householders will also have to supply the PPS numbers of each child as part of the 16-question form to claim their allowance. The regulator overseeing Irish Water announced in July that the promised 38,000 free litres per child was being slashed to just 21,000 litres.

Last night a civil service headache was predicted by Mr McGrath as parents scramble to come up with their children's PPS numbers, or to lose the additional allowances in default.

WATER ADVICE IS 'LIKE A PAT ON THE HEAD'

IRISH Water's advice guide on how to economise water usage - which comes with the questionnaire - was branded 'condescending and insulting' yesterday.

Among a series of recommendations included in an advisory booklet to be set to householders from next week is a suggestion to collect water while washing vegetables.

It states: 'Use a basin. Collecting the water you use to rinse fruit and vegetables can then be used for watering plants.'

Other tips include only filling the kettle with as much water as needed, using a 'low-flow shower head' and asking a plumber to fit a 'displacement device' in toilet cisterns.

Independent TD Finian McGrath last night said the advice would only succeed in annoying people. 'This is going to annoy people even further; now - stupid advice that pats them on the head,' he said.

'We are living in a nanny state, and it is appalling to take money from people over their una-

voidable use of a natural resource and then to lecture them on responsibility into the bargain. It takes a right nerve, and it is actually none of Irish Water's business how people behave when the charges come in.'

The tips section of the advisory booklet being sent out to all homes from Monday declares: 'Please be considerate in your use of water and avoid wastage. Here are some ways to be water smart in the home.'

OTHER ADVICE INCLUDES:

- Don't keep the tap running, even when brushing your teeth. Running taps can use up to six litres a minute.
- Make sure your washing machine and dishwasher are always fully loaded.
- Have a shower instead of a bath. Showers use only half the quantity of water required by a bath.
- Have shorter showers. One less minute in the shower can save at least seven litres a day.

However, a spokesman for the Department of Social Protection allied such fears, and said yesterday: 'Should there be a heavy demand for PPS numbers, we will be in a position to meet that demand.'

Last night Paul O'Donoghue, head of customers services at Irish Water, rejected claims that Irish Water was making an unfair demand for PPS numbers. He said: 'Each of these allowances has a real value - in that case it's a value of €150. We have to make sure they got to the right people and that there are not multiple claims. Supplying a PPS number is a reasonable thing when you are seeking a service.'

Families will have to fill out 16 questions to apply for allowances. One question asks how many people live in the property,

stating: 'If this question is not completed you will not receive the household water services allowance. We will bill you for water services based on your meter readings.' This would not account for the free allowances.

On children's allowances, the

'Each allowance has a €150 value'

form warns: 'If you do not fill out this section and apply by 31 October 2014, you may not receive water services allowances from 1 October 2014.'

The form also asks for a householder's contact details and email address, while questions 12 and 13 also state that Irish

Water 'would like your permission to record your telephone numbers and email address so we can contact you about your account. This may be used if we need to contact you about information on your water services.'

Section G of the four-page form 'gives you a choice of whether or not you wish to receive marketing information about water related products or services'.

Householders at the end of the application are also required to make a formal declaration, and are warned: 'Giving information that is not true is an offence under the Water Services Act 2007 (as amended) and if you do, you may be subject to a fine on summary conviction.'

Liability for water charges begins on October 1.
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