

WASTE SORTING GUIDE FOR HOUSEHOLDS



BIOWASTE

- food waste, left-overs and food stuffs gone bad
- fruit and root vegetable peels, eggshells
- congealed frying fat or pork grease packed, e.g., in an empty milk carton
- small, e.g., bird bones and parings
- used cooking oil in a plastic bottle
- coffee grounds and used tea leaves and bags
- kitchen paper and paper napkins
- wilted flowers and small amounts of houseplant potting soil
- cleaning waste from pet cages and small amounts of biodegradable cat litter
- fresh grass from lawnmowers.



METAL

Metal packaging

- Tins
- Non-deposit beverage cans
- Metal lids, caps and closures
- Aluminium trays, foil and covers
- Paint tins
- Non-pressurised aerosol cans
- Metal coffee capsules

Small metal household items

- Pots and pans
- Cutlery, scissors and tools
- Other small metal objects (nails, screws, fittings, etc.)
- Aluminium tea light cups



END-OF-LIFE TEXTILES

Dry and clean, unusable clothes and household textiles, such as:

- coats
- trousers
- skirts
- shirts
- sheets
- towels
- tablecloths
- drapes
- at least 20 cm x 20 cm sized pieces of fabric



HAZARDOUS WASTE

- paint, glue and varnish in liquid form
- solvents such as turpentine, petrol and acetone
- alkaline detergents such as dishwasher detergents and oven cleaners
- hairspray and other aerosols
- perfumes and aftershaves
- used motor oils and oil filters
- batteries and battery fluids
- plant protection products and pesticides
- coolant, brake and clutch fluids
- and other hazardous chemical labelled household chemicals.
- Take compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps to the waste collection station or a store.



CARTON PACKAGES

Empty, clean, dry, flattened and packed inside one another, cardboard may include

- rinsed liquid packages made of carton, e.g., milk and juice cartons, including aluminium foil lined cartons and cartons with plastic caps, place the plastic cap in the plastic recycling or combustible waste bin
- plastic coated wrapping paper, e.g., copy paper wrappers
- carton and cardboard packages of dry products, such as cereal and biscuit packages, sugar and flour bags, cake boxes and egg cartons
- toilet and kitchen paper cylinders
- all paper bags, paper bags with windows and carton multipacks for drinks, e.g., six-packs
- corrugated cardboard boxes
- corrugated cardboard
- brown carton
- kraft paper.



PLASTIC PACKAGES

Empty and dry household product packages made of plastic

- plastic foodstuff packages, such as yoghurt jars, butter packages and packages for cold cuts, cheese and ready meals
- detergent, shampoo and soap containers
- plastic bottles, canisters and jars, preferably flattened out
- plastic bags, pouches and wrappings, including polyurethane foam and styrofoam used in product packages
- tubes and cylinders made of plastic, e.g., tooth paste or cream tubes.



MIXED WASTE

Combustible waste includes waste that cannot be recycled, for example

- textiles which cannot be sorted to end-of-life textiles
- diapers and sanitary towels, including biodegradable ones
- light bulbs, halogen lamps, fuses
- plasters, dish clothes, dust bags
- make-up products and other cosmetics, cosmetics jars and tubes containing some of the product
- CD and vinyl records, C-cassettes, video tapes and their cases
- plastic items, e.g., toys, buckets, sleds, dishes made of plastic
- small amounts of broken ceramics, crockery or porcelain
- glass tableware, e.g., drinking glasses and heat resistant glass such as coffee maker pots, oven pans as well as crystal
- small mirrors
- ashes (cooled down) and other dusty materials packaged in a waste bag and some other wrapper.



PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

Take pharmaceutical waste to the pharmacy free of charge.

- Place tablets and capsules in their own medicine strips or as separate pieces in a see-through, tightly sealed plastic bag.
- Liquid medicines, creams and sprays are placed in their own containers
- Place any medicines containing iodine (e.g., Betadine, iodine tablets) in a separate see-through bag.
- Pack mercury thermometers, broken ones in a tightly sealed package.



PAPER

All paper delivered by post is recyclable

- newspapers and magazines
- advertisements, brochures and other similar printed products
- all envelopes, including the ones with windows
- product catalogues
- copy paper and print-outs, also coloured ones
- Christmas cards and post cards.



GLASS PACKAGES

Items suitable for glass collecting are:

- non-recyclable glass bottles, including coloured ones
- glass jars, e.g., jam jars, including coloured ones.

Brake-away bands and labels can be left in place.

Please return deposit glass bottles to reverse vending machines in shops!



LARGE, BULKY WASTE

Large municipal waste may include e.g.,

- sofa, table, armchair
- kitchen cupboard
- carpet, fitted carpet
- bookshelf and other furniture
- big mirror
- mattress
- luggage, travel bag
- flooring materials
- bathroom furniture.

Take large, bulky mixed waste to the waste collection station for a fee.



DRY CELL BATTERIES AND BATTERY UNITS FOR SMALL APPLIANCES

Take them free of charge to the store or the waste collection station.

- Cover the battery power outlets/terminals with adhesive tape.
- Place leaked batteries in a bag.



ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- large household appliances (e.g., vacuum cleaners, microwave ovens, electric sauna stoves, washing machines and dishwashers, electric stoves, tumble dryers and airing cupboards, large power tools)
- televisions
- small electric appliances (e.g., consumer electronics, coffee machines, chargers, razors, blow dryers, electric toothbrushes, battery operated devices)
- refrigeration appliances (e.g., refrigerator, freezer, air heat pump)
- technical appliances (e.g., digital camera, smart phone, tablet, pc, printer, central processing unit, keyboard).