



## Residual Waste

Any waste material not covered by the recycling system, in particular cigarette butts, vacuum cleaner bags, sweepings, consumer goods no longer in use etc. belong in the grey household waste or residual waste container.

## Hazardous Materials

### **Please note:**

Problematic waste (waste containing hazardous materials) like batteries, neon lights, acids as well as not entirely empty cans containing paints, lacquers, adhesives etc. is considered hazardous waste. This waste must be handed over to the qualified personnel operating the **hazardous waste lorry**.

## Biological Waste

All organic waste material like fruit and vegetable matter, yard trimmings, coffee filters, tea bags, left-over bread, egg shells etc. belong in the brown bio-waste container.

**Warning:** Any other waste materials and leftovers do not belong in the bio-waste container and are detrimental to the composting process! Bio-degradable plastic bags for bio-waste, whether labelled as such or not, may also **not** be disposed of in the bio-waste container.

**Tip:** So maggots won't have a chance from the start, all kitchen and organic waste should be wrapped in newspaper and disposed of in the bio-waste container. As an alternative, small bio-degradable paper bags are commercially available.

## Bulk Waste

Any waste that doesn't fit in the residual waste container due to its size or weight can be disposed of as bulk waste.

For example: tables, cupboards, chairs, sofas, carpets, prams, mattresses, duvets, telescopic clotheslines, bicycles, bulky toys etc.

All **electric devices** are disposed of separately from household and bulk waste.

**Warning:** Any construction and sanitary items like wooden planks, beams, panels, window frames, doors, fences, bath tubs, washbasins, toilet bowls and tanks, heaters, tiles, shutters as well as auto parts, mopeds, petrol lawn movers, renovation waste, yard trimmings, garbage bags or cartons with household waste do not belong with the bulk waste.

**Items that cannot be lifted by 2 persons (more than 50kg per item) will not be accepted as bulk waste.**

## Electrical Appliances

All appliances powered by electricity – no matter whether the power comes from rechargeable or regular batteries or a power outlet – must be disposed of separately from household waste and bulk waste.

**Large electrical appliances** ( washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, dryers, TVs, monitors, computers, stereo systems etc.) **or oil radiators** are removed on special dates separately from the bulk waste removal, normally upon written application.

**Small electrical appliances** such as clocks, telephones, toasters, mixers, coffee machines, electric razors, Walkmans, Gameboys, electric toys etc. will be accepted by the hazardous waste lorry.

**Warning:** Items without a self-contained function (e.g. capacitors, cables, plugs), built-in ventilation and air-conditioning systems, hot-water boilers, night-storage heaters, petrol lawn movers, stripped and contaminated devices (e.g. blood sugar measurement devices), do not belong in the electrical appliance collection.

You will find the special regulations for disposal of electrical appliances in your city or community in your waste disposal calendar.

## Recycling depot for electrical appliances:

| Community/City    | Recycling Depot                             |
|-------------------|---|
| Bergisch Gladbach | AWB Bergisch Gladbach                       |
|                   | Betriebshof                                 |
|                   | Obereschbach<br>51429 Bergisch Gladbach     |
| Opening times:    | Mo - Sa                    9.00 – 12.00 hrs |
|                   | Tue, Wed, Thu    16.00 - 18.00 hrs          |

**Electrical appliances from private households and commercial businesses can be disposed of here free of charge!**

**Warning:** An application with the central recycling depots is necessary prior to the disposal of more than 20 large household appliances, refrigerator units or IT equipment.

## Paper

The following belongs in the blue or green containers for paper:

- paper packaging
- paperboard, cardboard
- newspapers
- magazines
- catalogues, writing paper, notebooks
- envelopes
- cigarette packages
- paper bags

Juice or milk cartons (TetraPaks) do not belong in the recovered paper container! They belong in the yellow bag.

Tissues, parchment paper, paper napkins, sanitary paper, photos, wallpaper leftovers, coated fax and carbon paper or dirty paper is also harmful mixed in with recovered paper! This waste belongs in the residual waste container.

## Light material packaging

Light material packaging consists of plastics, metals, aluminium, Styrofoam, composite materials (a mix of paper, plastics and aluminium). It all must be clean without residue (rinsed clean) and belongs in the yellow bag or container.

**Rule of thumb:** All packaging not made of glass or paper and bearing the “Green point” symbol belongs in the yellow container.

- margarine and cream containers, pudding and yoghurt cups
- trays for packaged fruit and vegetables, trays for microwave meals
- potato chip and peanut bags
- drink cartons (TetraPaks) for juice and milk
- tins and drink cans, empty spray bottles
- aluminium foil packaging (e.g. coffee packages)
- fabric softener bottles etc.
- plastic foil packaging and plastic bags

The following have no business in the yellow bag / yellow container: strongly soiled packaging, construction and renovation waste, sound storage media, silage films and cover sheeting, straw and hay netting, ropes, straps (straps for cartons), toys, shoes, textiles, leftover carpet, debris, vacuum cleaner bags, medication, syringes, hoses, batteries, old pots and kitchen utensils or basic consumer goods of any kind.

Sausage packaging, disposable cutlery, flower pots, tea lights and cemetery lights, CD and DVD jewel cases, video cassettes, tool boxes and suitcases all belong in the residual waste container without exception.

## Glass

Only glass packaging that cannot be returned via the deposit return program belongs in the familiar depot containers for white, brown and green glass:

- wine and juice bottles
- preserve and jam jars
- bottles for cooking oil, vinegar, sauces, sweetener
- bottles for bath products, shampoo etc.

**By the way:** blue, black or red glass may also be thrown in with the green glass without problem.

**Warning:** bottle caps and jar lids may also be thrown into the container. Please do not throw these on top of the container or on the ground!

**The following does not belong in the glass recycling container:**

Ceramics and earthenware or porcelain, mirrors, window panes and light bulbs. Tempered and fireproof glass (Jena or Pyrex glass) also doesn't belong in the glass recycling container, but in the residual waste container. **The reason:** this glass doesn't melt in a normal hollow-ware furnace and could therefore contaminate newly created glass articles.

### **What do I do with glass that doesn't belong in the glass recycling container?**

This glass belongs in the residual waste container.

**Tip:** Put panes of glass or mirrors between two layers of cardboard and smash with hammer. Then dispose of the shards in the residual waste container.