

How to separate your waste



Light-weight packaging,

i.e. all packaging not made of glass or paper (e.g. tetra-packs of milk/ juice, tins, yoghurt cups, non-recyclable plastic bottles, aluminium foil, polystyrene...)

No deposit bottles!!



Yellow Bin (‘Yellow Bags’)



Paper waste & cardboard

(e.g. cartons, paper bags, newspapers, catalogues, writing paper ,...)

BUT: Very old/stained paper, e.g. paper packages of groceries, belong in the residual waste bin

No paper towels!!



Blue Bin/ public Container



Residual waste/ household waste

& everyother type of waste **that cannot be recycled** (e.g. leftover cooked food, hygiene articles, dirty packaging, porcelain, damaged shoes or utensils, vacuum cleaner bags, cigarette butts, diapers, ...)

No hot ashes!!



Black/Grey Bin



Compostable kitchen & garden waste

(biodegradable waste)

(e.g. leaves, fruit and vegetables, coffee and tea dregs, eggshells, ...)

No processed foods!!



Brown Bin





Returnable bottles (Pfandflaschen)

Certain bottles/cans **having a symbol** are to be **returned to the store** to get back a deposit (e.g. beer bottles, beverage cans, certain yoghurt jars, ...)

No normal plastic bottles!!



Store



Waste glass (Altglas)

Non-returnable bottles/jars (empty!) belong in a special bottle bank, sorted by the colour of the glass

No broken glass!!



Bottle Bank



Old clothes (Altkleider)

Clothes that you don't need anymore can be put in a certain container for people in need (wrapped in a closed bag)

No dirty clothes or shoes!!



Container



Batteries

are collected in most stores (near the checkout) in special containers

No bigger electrical devices!!



Store

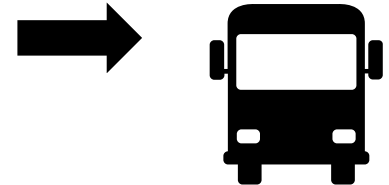




Waste paint and varnish

Leftover paint, varnishes and ink cartridges can often be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection unit (Schadstoffmobil). They should never be poured into the sewage system, waterways, or soil, as they can harm the environment and contaminate groundwater.

Mobile Hazardous Waste Unit



Electronic waste (Elektroschrott)

is to be disposed at recycling centres or the store where the product was purchased (e.g. old radio, microwave, coffee machine, ...)

Electronic waste can also be collected from your home, especially large appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, or TVs. This is often done through the bulky waste collection service.

No batteries!!

Recycling Centre



Bulky Item Collection Service

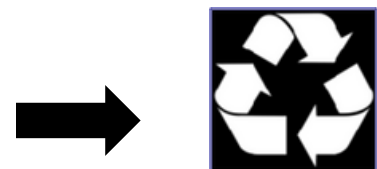


Bulky waste (Sperrmüll)

refers to large household items that do not fit into regular waste bins, such as old furniture, mattresses, carpets, and large appliances. Most municipalities offer a free or low-cost bulky waste collection service once or twice a year. Residents usually book a pick-up appointment.

Alternatively, bulky items can often be taken directly to a recycling center (Wertstoffhof).

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