

Sorting instructions for households

These instructions inform you how to sort the most common household waste. Follow the signs and symbols. The possibilities for sorting and recycling vary by location.



BIOWASTE

YES

- food stuffs
- coffee filters with grounds
- paper towels and paper napkins
- egg packagings
- plants and flower soil
- wooden cutlery and tooth picks
- other degradable waste

NO

- plastic bags and packagings
- metal packagings
- foils
- liquid waste
- cigarette stubs
- vacuum cleaner and dust bags
- ice

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Sorted biowaste is either composted in the property's own compostor or collected for treatment at a plant. The compost is utilised in green area building, among other things.



RECYCLABLE PAPER

YES


- newspapers and magazines
- leaflets
- coloured paper
- envelopes
- recycled paper

NO

- disposable paper plates etc.
- self copying paper
- copy paper wraps
- gift and wrapping paper
- confidential papers
- cardboard and carton
- plastic

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Recycled paper is processed in the paper industry. The printing inks are removed by washing. The washed mass is used to make raw materials for paper.



RECYCLABLE CARTON


YES

- carton packagings (cereal boxes, cookie wraps, pizza boxes, egg boxes)
- carton cans (milk, juice, yoghurt, wine and detergent containers)
- crinkled cardboard (cardboard boxes)
- disposable carton tableware
- paper shopping bags and sacks
- paper bags (sugar, flour and bread bags)
- paper roll cores

PLEASE CLEAN AND FLATTEN THE PACKAGINGS

NO

- dirty or unsorted packagings
- plastics
- polystyrene

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Recyclable carton is used to make coreboard, for instance. Part of the recyclable cardboard can be sorted with energy waste.



SMALL METAL

YES

- tins and metal cans
- aluminium dishes and foils
- metal lids
- screw caps and crown caps
- drink cans with no deposit
- empty and brush-dry paint cans
- empty, non-pressure aerosol containers
- empty aluminium tubes, caps closed

Please recycle empty packagings only

NO

- batteries or other hazardous waste
- cables
- waste from electric and electronic equipment (WEEE)

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Small metal is used in the manufacture of new metal. When metal packages are recycled, there is an energy saving of up to 75–95% compared to the use of virgin materials.



RECYCLABLE GLASS
Coloured and colourless

YES

- empty glass bottles
- empty glass jars

NO

- crystal
- porcelain
- ceramics
- window glass
- car windshields
- light bulbs
- bottle caps and jar lids
- glass ceramics (ovenware, coffee pots)
- mirror glass

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Fibreglass, glass packages and other products are made from recyclable glass.



ENERGY WASTE

YES


- packaging plastics (not PVC)
- dirty paper and cardboard
- wooden packagings
- plastics (not PVC)
- polystyrene
- paper towels
- textiles and clothes

NO

- biowaste
- impregnated wood
- metals, glass, ceramics
- stone, sand, soil
- PVC-plastics
- hazardous waste
- hygiene products (sanitary towels, nappies, adhesive bandages)
- cleaning waste
- cigarette stubs and ash

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Energy waste (burnable waste) is used to make solid recovered fuel to substitute for fossil fuels in parallel burning plants. Carbon dioxide emissions are decreased by 50–90%. The sorting instructions vary slightly depending on the location and the receiving plant.




MIXED WASTE

YES


- unsorted mixed waste

NO

- biowaste
- hazardous waste
- waste from electric and electronic equipment (WEEE)
- recyclable waste (paper, cardboard, glass, energy waste etc.)
- car tyres

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When recyclable and toxic waste has been separated, the mixed waste (landfill waste) is what remains. The mixed waste is taken to a landfill or to a treatment plant.




WASTE FROM ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (WEEE)

YES

- discarded small household appliances and electrical devices
- computers, monitors and keyboards
- televisions, fridges and freezers, electric toothbrushes, microwave ovens, coffee makers, etc.

NO

- other hazardous waste
- landfill waste
- other waste suitable for utilization

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The majority of waste electrical and electronic equipment can be utilized. Discarded equipment is dismantled, and all hazardous waste is treated appropriately. The metal parts of the equipment are utilized as raw material for new metal products, and plastic parts are used in energy production as recovered fuel.



ENERGY-SAVING LAMPS





FLUORESCENT LAMPS





BATTERY WASTE



The most common hazardous waste from households includes waste from electric and electronic equipment (WEEE), energy-saving lamps, fluorescent lamps and batteries. Remember to take these and other hazardous waste to a hazardous waste collection point.