

# WE NEED TO SORT THINGS OUT!

Waste is not always rubbish. By sorting recyclable materials correctly, your waste can be recycled or reused and become new products. You also prevent hazardous substances from ending up in the wrong places. This saves our planet's resources and keeps our environment healthy.

Households are responsible for its own waste and must follow the rules for waste management in the municipality. You have to separate and deposit waste in recycling bins for kerbside collection.

**Rinse all packaging before disposal!**

## SORTING GUIDE FOR HOUSEHOLDS

### METAL PACKAGING

**For example:** Tin cans, soda cans, empty spray cans, tubes, bottle caps and lids.

**Do not sort as metal packaging:** Scrap metal, plumbing parts, frying pans, cans with left-over paint, adhesives and solvents, tea light candle cups of metal and plastic and torch holders.



**All metal packaging can be recycled. Including small items, such as bottle caps, lids, the seals on crème fraiche containers and screw-on caps.**

## PLASTIC PACKAGING

**For example:** Plastic bottles, cans, plastic bags, refill packs, plastic tubes, crisp packets and polystyrene.

**Do not sort as plastic packaging:** Plastic toys, plastic furniture, laundry baskets, video cassettes/VHS tapes and plastic pockets .



## COLORED GLASS

**For example:** Colored glass bottles and jars, such as wine bottles or jam containers.

**Do not sort as glass packaging:** Light bulbs, drinking glasses, window panes, mirrors, porcelain, ceramics and other products that are not packaging.



## CLEAR GLASS

**For example:** Clear glass bottles and jars, such as wine bottles or jam containers.

**Do not sort as glass packaging:** Light bulbs, drinking glasses, window panes, mirrors, porcelain, ceramics and other products that are not packaging.



**Colored and clear glass containers are sorted separately.**

**Metal screw-on caps must be removed, but the ring that holds the cap can be left on the bottle.**

Remove the plastic wrapping around newspapers and flyers and sort as plastic packaging.



## NEWSPAPER

**For example:** Daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, catalogues, advertising flyers, diaries and writing/drawing paper.

**Do not sort as newspapers:** Envelopes, Post-it notes, postcards, paper carrier bags and cardboard boxes.

## PAPER PACKAGING

**For example:** Pasta packs, milk and juice cartons, paper bags, shoeboxes, toilet roll tubes and cardboard boxes.

**Do not sort as paper packaging:** Envelopes, Post-it notes, postcards, newspapers and brochures.

Paper packaging should be flattened and fold in two. You can put small packaging in larger packaging to save space.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

**For example:** Adhesives and paint, rust-preventing paint, paint brush cleaner, filler and sealants, waste oil, oil filters, windscreen washer fluid, antifreeze, hairspray, nail polish and remover, detergents, mercury thermometers and batteries.

**Do not sort as hazardous waste:** medical needles, syringes and medicines.



**Hazardous waste shall be sorted at a recycling centre. You can sort small batteries, small electronics and light sources in your waste sorting room.**

Hand in medicines and syringes at a pharmacy.  
Do *not* flush medicines down the toilet!



## FOOD WASTE

**For example:** Coffee grounds, tea dregs, peelings and remnants of fruits and vegetables, flowers and potted plants, food scraps from fish, shellfish, meat, eggs, bread, dairy and plant based products.

**Do not sort as food waste:** Soil, cat litter, diapers, chewing gum, tobacco products, ash and candles.

The compostable food waste bag must be closed by folding the top.

Do *not* place the paper bag in a plastic bag!



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