



An overview of all types of waste

Berliner Stadtreinigung (BSR) is responsible for the waste produced by two million households. We also keep streets, pavements, parks and public spaces clean and make sure the roads are safe in winter. How does waste separation work in Berlin?



Grey household waste bin

Household waste includes all waste that can't be recycled or can only be recycled at great expense. It is not worthless, however. We process everything that ends up in the grey household waste bin in our modern waste-to-energy plant to create "green" energy and clean heat.



Organic waste bin

The organic waste bin is for all organic waste. This helps to protect the environment and the climate, because we turn the food waste into compost and biogas. The biogas we produce replaces 2.5 million litres of diesel a year, while the fermentation residue and compost are used for agriculture. Collect your organic waste in newspaper or paper bags or in a bowl that can be emptied, for example.



Yellow or orange recycling bin

Your recycling bin is for packaging and other objects made of metal, plastic or composites. In Berlin, recycling bins are yellow or orange. The same things are disposed of in each. You are helping us to recycle if you separate your recyclables properly. This preserves scarce raw materials such as crude oil or iron ore and helps to protect the climate.



Blue paper bin

Used paper is an important raw material. When properly separated, used paper helps save natural resources like wood and water. In Berlin alone, the separated collection and recycling of cardboard and paper saves more wood every year than would come from the Grunewald.



Glass recycling bins

Used glass can be fully recycled. It can be melted and reformed into new glass bottles and jars any number of times with no loss in quality. Bottles and jars do not need to be rinsed. Please ensure you separate white, green and brown glass properly though. This is important for the subsequent recycling process.

Bulky waste

You can dispose of up to 3 cubic metres of bulky waste per visit without charge. Where? At one of our 15 recycling centres. Or you can use the BSR bulky waste collection service.

Bulky waste includes:

- Disassembled large and small furniture
- Carpets, mattresses
- Household timber
- Scrap such as old bicycles, prams and the like
- Laminate, door frames, doors and window frames made of plastic (without glass)
- Plastic such as guttering, pipes, cisterns and baths
- Electrical devices
- Old textiles (in bags)

It is a shame to throw away certain things when other people could use them. For these, please use our free online exchange and gift market

www.bsr.de/verschenkmarkt

or the BSR second-hand goods store

www.nochmall.de

We are here for you:

Tel. +49 (0)30 7592-4900, www.BSR.de

Household waste – Yes please:

- ✓ Hygiene products and tissues, nappies, animal litter
- ✓ Crockery, glass from mirrors and windows
- ✓ Vacuum cleaner bags, sweepings
- ✓ Soiled or coated paper, film, photos
- ✓ Leftover wallpaper, dried-up paints
- ✓ Ash and ashtray contents



Household waste – No thanks:

- ✗ Plastics, such as plastic cups or bottles, metals and composites (these go in the recycling bin)
- ✗ Jars, bottles (go in the glass recycling bins)
- ✗ Paper, cardboard (go in the blue paper bin)
- ✗ Fruit and food waste, coffee grounds (go in the organic waste bin)
- ✗ Batteries, electrical devices, hazardous substances, building rubble, bulky waste



Organic waste – Yes please:

- ✓ Leftovers, even if cooked
- ✓ Old food (without packaging)
- ✓ Fruit/vegetable leftovers, peelings, including citrus
- ✓ Coffee grounds, filters, tea, teabags, eggshells
- ✓ Kitchen paper
- ✓ Green cuttings/trimmings, leaves, flowers (you can also use BSR leaf sacks for this)



Organic waste – No thanks:

- ✗ Plastics, packaging, film
- ✗ Plastic and bioplastic bags
- ✗ Metals, aluminium foil, tins
- ✗ Hygiene products, nappies, vacuum cleaner bags
- ✗ Textiles, leather
- ✗ Cat and small animal litter
- ✗ Treated wood, ash
- ✗ Soil, sand, gravel, stones



Recycling – Yes please:

- ✓ Containers, e.g. for yoghurt, margarine
- ✓ Plastic bottles, e.g. for care products, soap and detergent
- ✓ Everyday objects, e.g. plastic watering cans, dishes, toys
- ✓ Plastic film, e.g. packaging film, plastic bags
- ✓ Foam materials, e.g. polystyrene food containers
- ✓ Drink cans, tins, bottle tops
- ✓ Pots, tools, cutlery, screws
- ✓ Aluminium foil, lids, containers
- ✓ Drink cartons



Recycling – No thanks:

- ✗ Electrical devices
- ✗ Energy-saving light bulbs
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Data carriers
- ✗ Wood
- ✗ Paper
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous substances



Paper – Yes please:

- ✓ Newspapers, magazines, cartons, cardboard
- ✓ Paper packaging
- ✓ Leaflets, catalogues
- ✓ Books, notebooks, writing paper



Paper – No thanks:

- ✗ Leftover wallpaper
- ✗ Soiled paper
- ✗ Coated paper (wax, graphic or photo paper)
- ✗ Carbon paper



Glass – Yes please:

- ✓ Bottles, e.g. for juice, wine, vinegar
- ✓ Jars, e.g. for jam or baby food
- ✓ Preserving jars
- ✓ Glass packaging
- ✓ Perfume bottles, medicine bottles



Glass – No thanks:

- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Crockery, porcelain and ceramics
- ✗ Window glass or broken mirrors
- ✗ Crystal glasses

