



Separating and disposing of waste

Waste bins

In order to dispose waste separately there are the following waste bins standing at your home:

- blue bin: for paper and cardboard
- organic waste bin: for organic/green waste
- yellow bin/yellow bag: for lightweight packaging waste
- residual waste bin: for residual waste

Recycling bin

There are many locations in the city with recycling bins. You can throw in empty container glass and at about half of the locations paper, cardboard and old clothes.

Municipal recycling centres

At the municipal recycling centres, you can dispose of waste that cannot be placed in the waste or recycling bins. You can find their addresses and opening hours as well as information on exactly what they accept at www.dresden.de/wertstoffhof.

You can dispose of the following free of charge:

- up to four cubic metres of bulky waste and waste wood (indoor) per household/half-year
- up to 25 litres of hazardous substances, PUR expanding foam cans (not in Leuben, Loschwitz)

- rechargeable and disposable batteries
- electrical appliances, LED/energy-saving lamps, fluorescent tubes
- household scrap (no vehicle scrap)
- plastic objects
- CDs/DVDs, video cassettes
- paper, cardboard, glass containers
- clean old clothes, textiles and shoes
- empty printer/toner cartridges
- leaves from street trees and chestnuts with leaf-mining moth infestation
- Christmas trees (end of December/January)

You can dispose of the following for a fee:

- green waste
- car tyres with/without rim
- mineral construction waste, up to ten litres in Leuben and Plauen and up to 500 litres in Friedrichstadt and Reick
- fire extinguishers
- ring binders, up to 20 per household (not in Leuben, Loschwitz, Plauen)

Bulky waste/waste wood (indoor)

Bulky waste includes furniture and large or heavy objects from your household. Twice a year you can either bring up to four cubic metres of bulky waste and waste wood per household either free of charge to the recycling centres or have it collected from your home for a fee (apply online at www.dresden.de/abfallformulare or via the order card). For Dresden Pass holders, collection is free of charge once a year per household.

Old electrical appliances

You can dispose of electrical appliances free of charge at the municipal recycling centres. Large appliances, i.e. one side is at least 50 cm long, can be collected from your home once per household per half-year (apply online at www.dresden.de/abfallformulare or via the order card). Please note that there is a fee for this service for each individual large electrical appliance. However, you can hand in small electrical appliances free of charge. Otherwise, you can hand in appliances up to 25 centimetres free of charge at large supermarkets or shops that sell electrical appliances and have a sales area of at least 400 square metres. However, larger appliances are only accepted with the purchase of equivalent appliances.

Hazardous substances

Hazardous substances contain substances that are hazardous to the environment or health and therefore have a hazard symbol on their packaging. These include cleaning agents, disinfectants, pesticides, nail varnish remover, mercury thermometers, half-empty aerosol cans, liquid paints, disposable batteries, rechargeable batteries, motor and cooking oils. You can dispose of up to 25 litres at the municipal recycling centres (except Leuben and Loschwitz). Or you can take this waste to the mobile hazardous waste vehicle, which drives through Dresden in spring and autumn (dates and locations at www.dresden.de/schadstoffmobil). Disposal is free of charge.

Green waste

Green waste includes lawn clippings, tree and hedge clippings, weeds, old plants, leaves, small amounts of soil and Christmas trees. You can take these to the municipal recycling centres and collection points on the outskirts of the city. There is a fee for disposal. You can drop off your Christmas tree free of charge from the end of December to the end of January. Or you can take it to the collection points that are set up in the city after Christmas.

Information and advice

- Waste info hotline: (03 51) 4 88 96 33 (Mon-Fri 8am-12 noon, Tue/Thu 1-5pm)
- Email: abfallberatung@dresden.de
- www.dresden.de/abfall

What goes in which waste bin or recycling bin?

Residual waste bin



- hygiene articles: nappies, cotton buds, panty liners, tampons, tissues, wipes, moist toilet paper
- sweepings, vacuum cleaner bags, cold ash, cigarette butts
- medication
- any cat litter, dog faeces in bags, small animal faeces in mineral litter
- glass products, porcelain, ceramics, crystal/mirror/window glass (small quantities)
- bones, raw meat
- wallpaper and small carpets
- dried paint/varnish residues
- broken shoes and textiles, leather/artificial leather goods
- bicycle/small tyres

Don't throw in: ✗

- electrical appliances, LED/energy-saving lamps, fluorescent tubes
- hazardous substances, rechargeable/disposable batteries
- bulky waste/waste wood (indoor)
- household scrap

Organic waste bin



- leftovers and food waste from cooking
- expired or spoiled foodstuffs (unpackaged)
- coffee grounds, tea (with paper filter/bag)
- green waste from house and garden: wilted flowers, potted plants, small amounts of potting soil, leaves, lawn clippings, branches cut into small pieces
- small animal faeces in plant-based litter: sawdust and hay
- small amounts of cooking fats/oils soaked up in kitchen paper

Tips and advice:

Wrap wet organic waste in kitchen towels or newspaper. This reduces odours and prevents items from freezing to the bin.

Don't throw in: ✗

- plastic rubbish bags/packages, compostable bioplastics
- tissues, nappies
- bones, raw meat
- any cat litter

Yellow bin yellow bag



- empty plastic packaging: shampoo/detergent bottles, yoghurt/mustard tubs, paint buckets, plastic bags, plant pallets, tubes, ointment jars
- empty metal packaging: food/paint/spray cans, bottle caps, aluminium trays/foils/lids
- empty packaging made from bonded materials: beverage cartons, soup sachets, coffee vacuum packaging, tablet blister packs
- packaging materials: polystyrene mouldings and chips, bubble wrap

Tips and advice:

You can dispose of plastic/metal products at the municipal recycling centres (no vehicle scrap).

Don't throw in: ✗

- plastic/metal products: bowls, food storage containers, watering cans, flower pots, cutlery, sieves
- spray cans that have not been emptied, PUR expanding foam cans
- waste paper, glass containers

Blue bin waste paper



- newspapers, magazines, brochures, books
- writing/drawing/photocopy paper
- crumpled/packaging paper, gift wrap paper
- flattened cardboard and cartons

Tips and advice:

Flatten cardboard and cartons before disposal. This allows more to fit into the bin. You can dispose of large cardboard at the municipal recycling centres.

Don't throw in: ✗

- greasy or coated waste paper: baking/grease-proof paper, pizza boxes
- beverage cartons, soup sachets
- paper bags/kitchen towels
- photos, posters, wallpaper

Glass containers



- empty glass bottles: drinks, oil, vinegar, sauces, perfumes
- empty glass jars for fruit, vegetables, jam, spreads, mustard, stock

Tips and advice:

There are bins for green, brown and white glass containers. Other colours go into the green glass bin.

Please note the times of use: Monday to Saturday 7am to 8pm.

Oversized glass containers and glass and ceramic products should be disposed of in the residual waste bin.

Don't throw in: ✗

- glass products: teapots, drinking glasses, vases
- porcelain, ceramics, earthenware
- crystal/mirror/window glass
- light bulbs, LED/energy-saving lamps, fluorescent tubes

Old textiles



- clothes
- clothing accessories: neckerchiefs, scarfs, woolies, gloves
- bedlinen
- curtains, drapes
- hand/bath/dish towels,
- faceclothes
- tableclothes, blankets, feather beds, small pillows
- shoes
- bags/backpacks

Tips and advice:

Before putting into the container please collect the clothes in a bag and tie the shoes into bundles.

Please put dirty, wet, oily or mouldy clothes into the residual waste bin.

Don't throw in: ✗

- dirty, wet, oily or mouldy clothes
- carpets, mattresses, suitcases