

# Rubbish check: Separating saves money

## Information for our tenants on the subject of waste:

Waste paper, packaging, glass – some waste consists of valuable raw materials that can be reused. The right separation saves money. Incorrect disposal, on the other hand, can lead to increased charges. It is also expensive for everyone if rubbish is carelessly thrown around instead of being disposed of properly.

### Always keep the bin area tidy and clean.

Overfilled bins will not be emptied by the refuse collection service. The lid must be closed, rubbish bags standing next to it will not be taken away. Attention: It attracts vermin!

### Residual waste:

Cooked food scraps, meat and fish scraps and bones are disposed of in the residual waste container.

### Organic waste:

Uncooked fruit and vegetable waste, coffee grounds, eggshells, tea leaves and similar items are disposed of in the organic waste or residual waste container, depending on local regulations.

### Plastic and metal:

Plastic packaging and packaging with the „Green Dot“ should be placed in the plastic container. Metal waste such as crown corks, aluminium foil and tin cans are also disposed of in this way. In many cities, you can obtain the so-called „yellow bag“ from the city for the disposal of plastic waste. These are to be collected from the front

door on the day of collection, they will not be taken out of the cellar! In the cellar, please do not store them lying on the floor, but hanging – this will keep pests away.

### Paper and cardboard:

Newspapers, magazines, paper bags, paper packaging etc. belong in the paper container. However, wallpaper residues and greased paper should be disposed of in the residual waste. Paper that is coated or impregnated with plastic is disposed of in the plastic container. Please shred cardboard boxes to create more space in the bins!

### Glass:

You can dispose of used glass – separated by colour – in the public used glass containers. In many places, used glass is also collected by the local waste collection service. Returnable glass is taken back by retailers.

### Bulky waste:

As a rule of thumb: Anything that is too big for the rubbish bin does not belong in it. Bulky waste must be disposed of separately – see Bulky waste check.



### Pollutants:

Medicines, cleaning agents, batteries and energy-saving light bulbs must not be disposed of in normal household waste. You can return medicines to pharmacies. Old batteries are collected and disposed of in appropriate collection boxes, e.g. in supermarkets and drugstores. All other substances should be taken to the local hazardous waste collection centre.

### Special tip!

There are many space-saving waste separation systems for the home. You should always empty and clean the containers frequently. This prevents germs and odours from developing.