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Tips for separating waste at home

Waardlanden is working in partnership with your local municipality to help you separate your domestic waste and recyclable materials more effectively. Check out our smart tips and use the handy waste separation guide on the back of this card to find out at a glance where to dispose of any type of waste.

Tip 1. Use separate bins

Most domestic waste is generated in the kitchen, bathroom and study or office. Put separate bins in these rooms to make it easier to separate your waste and maintain the habit.



Kitchen

Use a green waste (gft) bin alongside separate bins or boxes for general waste, paper, and plastics, metals and drinks containers (pmd)*. This ensures that everyone in the household can immediately see what goes where. Or you could opt for a special bin with multiple compartments, which allows you to separate different types of waste in one container.



Bathroom

Place a bin or box in your bathroom for empty plastic packaging, such as shampoo and shower gel bottles *. Of course, it's even better for the environment if you can avoid generating this kind of waste in the first place; consider switching to shampoo bars packaged in recycled cardboard, or reusable make-up removal pads.



Study or office

Use a paper bin for newspapers, magazines and other paper and cardboard waste. You could also opt to read your magazine or newspaper online, as this generates less waste paper.

Tip 2. Use our waste separation guide

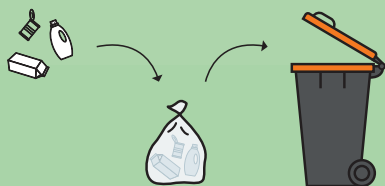
On the back of this card, we've listed the most common types of waste generated in the home. Find somewhere to keep or display this guide so that everyone in your household can immediately see what goes where.

Tip 3. If unsure, opt for general waste

If you're not sure which bin to dispose of something in, visit waardlanden.nl/scheidingswijzer or check the Waardlanden app to find out. If you need further help, contact our environment coach: milieucoach@waardlanden.nl.

If you're in any doubt as to how to dispose of something, opt for general waste. That way, you can avoid contaminating recyclable waste streams.

* Disposing of plastics, metals en drinks containers (pmd) correctly



If you've got a pmd container where you live, use it to dispose of your plastics, metals and drinks containers. Ideally, you should collect your waste in a transparent bin bag and tie it securely before you place it in the container.

If you don't have access to a pmd container, dispose of your plastics, metals and drinks containers with general waste at your local collection point. This waste will be sorted later.

Want to find out more?

Visit waardlanden.nl/tips for more helpful tips and information to help you reduce waste and recycle more effectively.



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Gft

Yes please

Fruit, vegetable and garden waste (gft) and leftover food, such as:

- Flowers and (house)plants
- Bones
- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Coffee grounds, filters and pads
- Pet rodent bedding
- Teabags and loose-leaf tea

No thank you

- Cat litter, bird cage sand and dog excrement → general waste
- Pots and clay pebbles → recycling centre or general waste
- Cigarette ends and ashes from barbecues/ fires → general waste
- Stones and gravel → recycling centre
- Packaged food → packaging = pmd / food = gft



Only use special compostable gft bags. These are marked with the seedling logo shown above.



Paper

Yes please

Clean and dry paper and cardboard, such as:

- Egg boxes
- Envelopes with/without window
- Folders (without plastic sleeves)
- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Newspapers and magazines

No thank you

- Drink packaging → pmd
- Plastic-coated paper that cannot be torn → general waste
- Nappies → recycling centre or general waste
- Wet or dirty paper or cardboard → general waste
- (Pizza) boxes contaminated with grease or food → general waste
- Wipes → general waste

If you're not sure - try the tear test!

If the paper tears easily, you can dispose of it with your paper waste. Otherwise, it needs to go in your general waste bin.



PMD

Yes please

Empty plastic, metal (cans) and drink packaging (pmd), such as:

- Crisps, soup and other food packaging bags/pouches
- Caps and lids
- Drink, yoghurt and sauce packaging
- Large pieces of packaging film (transparent)
- Coffee capsules (do not need to be empty)
- Empty blister packs
- Empty aerosol cans used for household products (such as hairspray, deodorant, cream)
- PET bottles and cans not subject to the container deposit system
- Shopping bags and transparent waste collection bags

No thank you

- Large, strong shopping bags → general waste
- Hard plastic objects and toys → recycling centre
- Nappies → recycling centre or general waste
- Medical supplies, such as catheters or syringes → recycling centre (kca)
- Metal objects (such as pans) → recycling centre
- Expanded polystyrene → general waste or recycling centre

Got a pmd container?

Use transparent bags and tie them securely.



Glass

Yes please

Empty glass packaging (with caps or lids), such as:

- Drinks bottles
- Empty make-up, nail varnish and perfume bottles
- Olive oil bottles and spice/herb jars
- Containers used for food, such as fruit and vegetables
- Salve/cream jars

No thank you

All other types of glass, such as:

- Drinking glasses, crystal glass and vases → general waste
- Bulbs and fluorescent tubes → recycling centre (kca)
- Windowpanes, mirrors and glass from photo frames → recycling centre
- Fire-resistant glass, such as oven doors and tea glasses → general waste



Textiles

Yes please

Clean and dry textiles in any condition, such as:

- Bed linen such as sheets, duvet covers and sleeping bags
- Curtains
- Towels
- Clothing
- Soft toys
- Pieces of fabric larger than 25 x 25 cm
- Shoes, bags and belts
- Scarves and hats
- Tablecloths
- Cleaning cloths

No thank you

- Very dirty or wet textiles → general waste
- Textiles contaminated with paint or chemicals → general waste
- Floor coverings, rugs and mats → recycling centre



Kca

Yes please

Small chemical waste (kca), such as:

- Acetone and solvents
- Disposable and rechargeable batteries
- Chlorine and bleaching agents
- Full/half-full nail varnish bottles
- Bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- Engine oil
- Needles → in needle container (kca) or at pharmacy
- Cleaning products
- Aerosol cans (from hardware stores)
- Turpentine and paint thinners

Kca waste can be disposed of at the recycling centre. We only accept sealed packaging. Visit waardlanden.nl/kca for more information.

No thank you

- Empty paint cans → general waste



Products labelled with one or more hazard symbols are classed as kca waste. Check the symbols at waardlanden.nl/kca



Large household waste

Large household waste is waste that is too large or heavy for general waste containers, which includes items like sofas, chairs or mattresses.

Is the item still in usable condition?

- Sell it
- Give it away
- Donate it at your local recycling donation point or store (Kringloopplein or kringloopwinkel).

Is the item broken?

- Get it repaired
- If possible, take it apart and take the materials to your local recycling centre
- Get it collected (make an appointment at waardlanden.nl/grofvuilafpraak)

Good to know

- You can dispose of small volumes of materials at your recycling centre.
- You can borrow a trailer from your local recycling centre for two hours, free of charge. Call 0183- 68 11 11.



General waste

Yes please

General waste is waste that you can't separate. It is the waste that is left over once you have separated and sorted all the recyclable waste streams. General waste includes:

- Wallpaper, ring binders and files/folders
- Drinking glasses, vases, glass from photo frames
- Large, strong shopping bags
- Incontinence pads
- Cat litter, bird cage sand and dog excrement
- Chewing gum
- Nappies - tip: dispose of nappies for free at your recycling centre
- Cigarette ends
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Paint brushes and rollers
- Contaminated textiles

No thank you

- Asbestos → recycling centre (notice of demolition required). See waardlanden.nl/asbest for further information.
- Batteries → in shops or at recycling centre
- Electrical equipment → recycling centre, hardware store or electronics store
- Medicines → pharmacy
- Aerosol cans from hardware stores → recycling centre (kca)