

Waste disposal in the district of Birkenfeld

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How to separate waste correctly - for private households only -

Residual waste

belongs in the **gray dumpster**, which is emptied every two weeks.

What is residual waste? It includes items such as binders, CDs/DVDs and CD/DVD cases, disposable gloves, sanitary articles, candle remains, children's toys, coat hangers, clothing, plastic dishes, PVC and carpet/rug off-cuts, shoes, vacuum cleaner bags, pens, road sweepings, polystyrene boards, wallpaper (used/unused), video cassettes and cases, diapers, tooth brushes, cigarette ash and ends.

Important! *Temporarily arising excess quantities of residual waste can be collected in so-called "amtliche Müllsäcke" (official garbage bags, to be purchased), which are put out for collection together with the dumpster.*

Organic waste

is collected (free of charge) in **biodegradable bags** in small **pre-sorting bins** and later disposed of together with the bag in the large **brown organic waste containers**. They are emptied once a week.

What is organic waste? It includes items such as kitchen waste: old bread, egg shells, fish bones, coffee filters, potato and onion peel, bones, fruit residue, tea bags; spoiled foodstuffs, organic waste such as biodegradable pet litter, feathers, kitchen towels, nut shells; small quantities of green waste: herbs, cut flowers, indoor plants (without pots).

Important! *Please do not use any plastic bags, and put the tied-up organic waste bags through the charging hole of the organic waste containers. No waste other than the above type may be put into those containers!*

Waste paper

must be **bundled up** or put **into cardboard boxes** before it is collected every four weeks.

What is waste paper? It includes items such as gift wrapping and packing paper (plain), writing and typing paper, exercise books/pads, advertising brochures, magazines, newspapers as well as paper and card packaging material from packs of cereals, cookies, pasta, pizza, rice, soap and shoe boxes.

Important! *Please only collect unsoiled waste paper (no wallpaper) and do not put it into yellow or other bags or plastic boxes.*

Yellow bag

Sales packaging made from plastic, metal, composite or natural material as well as service packaging must be cleared of residues (not rinsed) and placed into the **yellow bags**, which are picked up every four weeks.

What must be put into yellow bags? It includes items such as pharmaceutical blister packs, cans of deodorant, hair spray, preserves and pet feed, disposable plates (from fast food outlets), paint cans, beverage cans and (non-returnable) bottles, beverage and milk cartons, wooden boxes, yoghurt cups and lids, noodle and soup packets, bags used for nibbles, empty bottles of cleaning agent and shampoo, stoneware bottles, shopping bags, polystyrene packaging and tooth paste tubes.

Important! *You must not put the following into yellow bags: CDs, disposable gloves and razors, children's toys, clear plastic folders, coat hangers, plastic pipes, plastic bowls, polystyrene ceiling tiles/sheet, wallpaper, diapers and tooth brushes. These items must be disposed of either via the dumpster, official garbage bags or, for a fee, on the premises of the Abfallwirtschaftszentrum AWZ (Waste Management Center) Reibertsbach (former district sanitary landfill).*

Used glass

Glass packaging emptied of residual contents such as glass bottles (non-returnable) **and glass containers sorted by color i.e. brown, green and white**, must be put into **bottle banks** (glass of any other color belongs in the bottle banks for green glass). Caps may also be put into the containers.

Important! *Window or plate glass, as well as glass bowls and glass lampshades, drinking glasses and crockery and china must either be disposed of at the AWZ or, in the case of small quantities, be placed into the dumpster for residual waste.*

Wood & residual bulky waste as well as metal & electronic scrap

Twice a year, every household may contact the AWB by either using an online form (www.egb-bir.de), e-mail, letter or telephone (06782/9989-13) and arrange for them to collect and remove up

to three cubic meters of the above; they will be notified forthwith of the collection date. In addition to quantity restrictions, there is a weight limit of 50 kg as well as a maximum width of 1.7 m and a maximum length of 2 m per individual item. **What is wood and residual bulky waste?** It only includes items such as waste that, due to its size or quality, does not fit into the authorized waste containers (ordinary dumpsters/dustbins) or would make emptying difficult such as bedsteads, indoor floor, ceiling and wall boards, duvets, (empty) suitcases, chests of drawers and bedside tables as well as cupboards/wardrobes (glass or mirrors removed), pillows, plastic furniture, mattresses, upholstered furniture, PVC coverings as well as rugs/carpets and carpet floor coverings (rolled-up or folded), shelves, chairs, tables, interior doors (glass removed), laundry baskets.

Important! *Everything must be put out for collection as it is. Do not use bags/sacks nor cardboard boxes. Small items, loose or packed into cardboard boxes, suitcases, sacks, bags or other containers do not belong to the wood or residual bulky waste but shall be disposed of via the dustbin, official garbage bags or, for a fee, at the AWZ. The disposal of debris from building work or items from clearing whole houses, apartments of buildings is not part of the bulky waste collection. In such cases, transport and disposal costs must be borne by the person concerned. It goes without saying that private households may only have their bulky waste picked up if their property is part of the public waste collection system.*

Metal and electronic scrap: It includes items such as bath and shower tubs, bedsteads, computer sets (screens, processor), electric tooth brushes, bicycles, television sets, electric cookers, Hi-Fi equipment, refrigerators and freezers, cell phones, furniture, oil-fuelled heaters (minus the oil and cleaned), oil radiators, lawn mowers (fuel removed), razors, wheel barrows, vacuum cleaners, tanning beds (without tubing), toasters, saucepans, dryers, washers and tools.

Important! *Large electrical devices owned by private households may also be picked up outside the bulky waste removal times as long as the costs for transport etc. are met (check with AWB).*

Most vehicle parts are excluded from the regular bulky waste collection.

Hazardous waste

can be disposed of twice a year at the “**Schadstoffmobil**” (**hazardous waste truck**), or once a month at the **Hazardous Waste Intermediate Collection Point** of the Hunsrück-Sondertransport GmbH, Industriestraße 9, Hoppstaedten-Weiersbach.

What is hazardous waste? It includes items such as car wash and care agents, disinfectants, energy-saving lamps, liquid paint, household cleaning agents, varnish, plant pesticides, cloths impregnated with pollutants, aerosol cans with residual content, used hypodermic syringes, thermometers, (containing mercury), benzene.

Important! *Please make use of the commercial return systems available (e.g. for empty batteries; car batteries, used oil, used oil containers and used oil filters; drugs beyond their use-by date).*

Bio (degradable) waste and garden waste

In our district, that type of waste can be disposed of at

- **mobile collection points** every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from the beginning of April until the end of October.
- daily (except Sundays and holidays) from the beginning of April until the end of October at so-called **Hofannahmestellen** (recycling yards for biodegradable collection), during winter months per arrangement only.
- in various communities at so-called **decentralized waste reception centers** (opening hours as per previous arrangement).

What is it? It includes items such as tree, shrub and hedge cuttings, Christmas trees (max. Ø 20 cm, max. length 3 m), outdoor and indoor plants (without pots), foliage and moss.

NO weeds such as neophytes, ragweed, giant hogweed and ragwort.

Important! *Deliveries of up to 2 cubic meter per month are free of charge. Quantities of more than 2 cubic meters must be handed over to a Hofannahmestelle for a fee. If a firm such as a property management company is commissioned with the transport, charges will always be due (irrespective of the quantity), and the waste always needs to be delivered to a Hofannahmestelle. Rootstocks and wood trunks must be disposed of separately subject to a charge. **It is essential that you take note of further important instructions relating to the disposal of cuttings in the information leaflet "Biodegradable waste and garden waste".***

Further information on waste avoidance, separation, and disposal is available in the respective information brochures that can be obtained either from the AWB in Birkenfeld or downloaded at www.egb-bir.de from the *Abfallbetriebe* website. The *Abfallberatung* (waste disposal advice center) at 06782/9989-22 or at abfallberatung@egb-bir.de will provide further information.

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