

GOOD SORTING STARTS AT HOME

Sorting will be easier, if you are equipped for it. There are many possible options, but if you have an extra bucket under the sink and somewhere to store newspapers and other paper and small cardboard items temporarily, you will already have made a good start.

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HOW TO SORT YOUR WASTE



WASTE SORTING

In the City of Aarhus you have to sort your waste into four types

The more we sort our waste, the better we can reuse it. Glass, plastic and metal, as well as paper and small cardboard items can all be recycled and go into new products. In that way there will be less need to extract new raw materials.



GLASS · PLASTIC · METAL



**PAPER · SMALL
CARDBOARD ITEMS**



GENERAL WASTE



BATTERIES



You must sort your waste at home and dispose of it in the waste bins where you live. Glass, plastic and metal must be put separately in the same bin. No plastic bags. The same applies to paper and small cardboard items.

On the following pages you can read more about how we sort waste in the City of Aarhus. Thank you for sorting.



THE FIVE RULES OF THUMB

- FOR GOOD WASTE SORTING

1

EMPTY

Packaging must be empty. Any food residue etc. will reduce the value and may mean that the material cannot be recycled.

2

RINSED

Rinse packaging in cold water or used water, eg water from washing potatoes or doing the dishes. This increases the chances of recycling.

3

WITHOUT A LID

Always remove lids from packaging. Lids and packaging are often made of different materials and must be processed separately.

4

CLEAN AND DRY

Wet or dirty paper and cardboard rot easily. This reduces quality and the chances of recycling.

5

NO PLASTIC BAGS

Glass, plastic, metal, paper and small cardboard items must be put in the bin loose. Reuse your bags or put them in with your general waste if they are dirty.

If you stick to the five rules of thumb, you increase the chances of your waste being recycled.





GLASS

Yes please

- Glass bottles
- Jam jars
- Glass jars
- Broken glass

No thanks

- Ceramic pottery
- Porcelain
- Light bulbs
- Ovenproof glass



Ceramic pottery, porcelain and ovenproof glass (eg pyrex dishes) prevent glass from being remelted properly and must be left out for bulky waste collection or taken to a recycling centre. Energy saving light bulbs contain mercury and must be taken to a recycling centre or Reuse.



PLASTIC

Yes please

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic tubs
- Plastic trays
- Plastic canisters
- Plastic lids

No thanks

- Plastic bags
- Plastic films
- Tubes
- Packaging from chemicals and paint
- Polystyrene



Plastic bags and films (eg bubble wrap or thin plastic packaging) must not be put in the bin, as they make it difficult to sort your waste later. So you should reuse your bags. You can also collect clean bags and leave them out for bulky waste collection or take them to a recycling centre.





METAL

Yes please

- Beer cans
- Soft drink cans
- Food cans
- Metal lids
- Foil trays
- Bottle tops
- Tin/aluminium foil

No thanks

- Aerosol cans



Large metal items and aerosol cans must be left out for bulky waste collection or taken to a recycling centre.



**WINE BOTTLES
CAN BECOME
NEW BOTTLES**



**11 PLASTIC BOTTLES
CAN BECOME
1 NEW RUCKSACK**



**2 CANS
CAN BECOME
1 NEW BELL**



**1,000 CANS
CAN BECOME
1 NEW BYCYCLE**



WHAT HAPPENS
TO THE WASTE?





PAPER

Yes please

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Flyers
- Journals
- Books

No thanks

- Dirty and wet paper



Paper must not be wet or have been in direct contact with food residue or liquids. Wet or dirty paper should be put with your general waste.



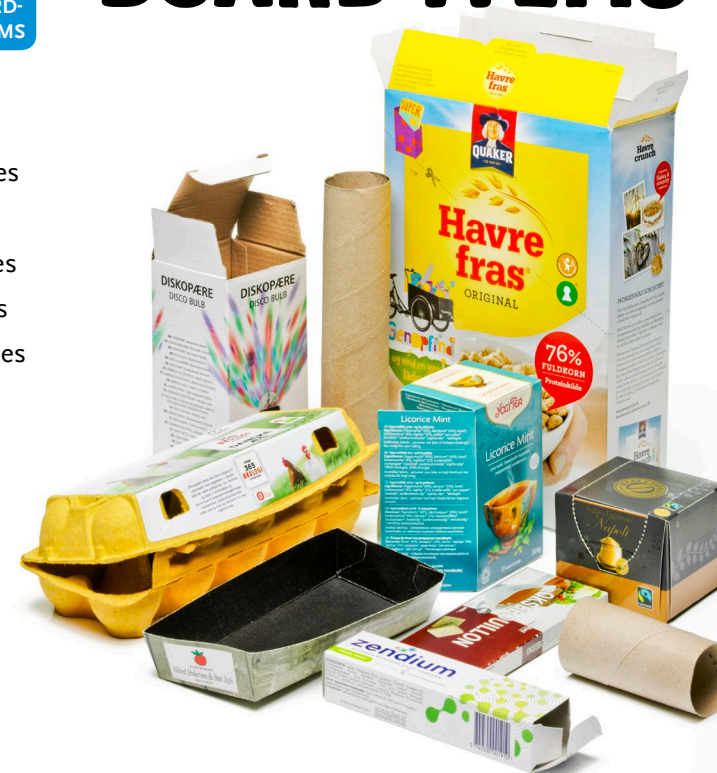
SMALL CARD-BOARD ITEMS

Yes please

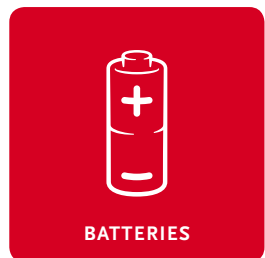
- Cardboard boxes
- Egg boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Cardboard trays
- Cardboard pieces

No thanks

- Dirty pizza boxes
- Takeaway food cartons
- Milk cartons
- Juice cartons



Cardboard must not be wet or have been in direct contact with food residue or liquids. Wet or dirty cardboard must be put with your general waste. Large cardboard items can get jammed in the bin so it cannot be emptied. They should therefore be torn in smaller pieces. They can also be left out for bulky waste collection or taken to a recycling centre.



BATTERIES

Yes please

- Household batteries

No thanks

- Car batteries



If you are unsure of how to dispose of your batteries, you can find information at affaldvarme.dk/batterier.



GENERAL WASTE

Yes please

- Milk cartons
- Juice cartons
- Butter tubs
- Cling film
- Food waste
- Sanitary waste
- Tubes
- Crisp packets
- Coffee bags
- Pizza boxes



General waste is anything you cannot put in your waste bin for recycling, leave out for bulky waste collection or take to a recycling centre. Remember to tie a knot in the bag.

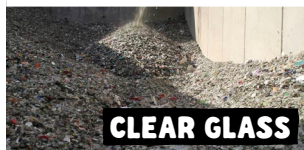
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WASTE?

You sort glass, plastic and metal together. Later, it is separated at a fully automated sorting facility. The same applies to paper and small cardboard items.

GLASS, PLASTIC AND METAL



DARK GLASS



CLEAR GLASS



PE/PP PLASTIC



PET-PLASTIC



IRON



ALUMINIUM

YOUR GLASS is sorted into dark and clear glass. It is crushed and melted and can be used for such things as bottle production and glass wool for insulating houses.

YOUR PLASTIC is sorted into two types. Some of the plastic can then be used in the manufacture of new products, the rest has to be sorted one more time. It is used for things like garden furniture, school bags, milk crates and fleeces.

YOUR METAL is sorted into iron and aluminium. These pure metal types are melted down to make casting plates, which are used in the manufacture of new products.

THE WASTE?

PAPER AND SMALL CARDBOARD ITEMS



PAPER



CARDBOARD

YOUR PAPER AND CARDBOARD is separated and ground to a pulp that is used in the production of new cardboard and paper products.

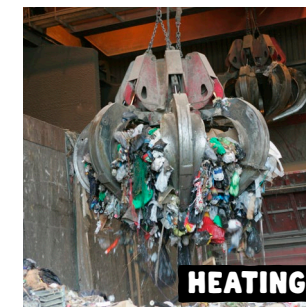
BATTERIES



RAW MATERIALS

YOUR BATTERIES are taken to a processing plant, where the raw materials iron, manganese and heavy metals are reclaimed for use in new products.

GENERAL WASTE



HEATING

YOUR GENERAL WASTE is taken to the incineration plant in Lisbjerg, where it is burned and turned into district heating.

WHY SHOULD I SORT MY WASTE?

Your waste contains many resources that can be re-used. Glass, plastic and metal, as well as paper and small cardboard items, are all much more resource-

demanding to produce from scratch than if we recycle them. In that way we also avoid extracting new raw materials from the natural environment. Many of them are already limited and we have to look after the resources we have by using them several times.

RECYCLING CENTRES

The City of Aarhus has six recycling centres where you can dispose of almost any type of waste for eco-friendly treatment. Find your nearest recycling centre at www.affaldvarme.dk/genbrugsstationer

Recycling centres

- 1** Ølstedvej 38
8200 Aarhus N
- 2** Lystrupvej 190
8240 Risskov
- 3** Sintrupvej 57
8220 Brabrand
- 4** Eskelundvej 13
8260 Viby J.
- 5** Birkegårdsvej 8
8361 Hasselager
- 6** Holmskovvej 66
8340 Malling



Opening hours: Monday to Friday 7-18 · Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10-17
Closed: 24, 25, 26 and 31 December and 1 January.



In central Aarhus you will find REUSE, an innovative recycling centre where you can pick up objects for which others no longer have any use. You can also contribute used items yourself so that others can benefit from them. Read more at www.reuseaarhus.dk and Facebook/ReuseAarhus. Open every day from 12-17.

BULKY WASTE

The City of Aarhus will collect your bulky waste. All you need to do is book a collection in advance at www.affaldvarme.dk/storskrald or by phone on 8940 1600.



Yes please

- Bicycles
- White goods
- Furniture
- Iron and metal, eg pots, BBQs and garden tools
- Large electrical items, eg TVs
- Small electrical items, eg mobile phones and hand blenders
- PVC products, eg rubber boots and beach balls
- Paint, varnish and glue
- Aerosol cans
- Bulky cardboard

If you have your own bulky waste system where you live, you must of course use that.