Disposal options for additional waste

- Bulky waste/waste wood
  This includes furniture parts, carpets, floor coverings, mattresses, suitcases, feather beds, Venetian blinds, sporting equipment, bicycles, large toys, plastic tubs. This does not include old cars, car parts, accessories, tyres, building waste (e.g. doors, windows, sanitary facilities, garden fences, floorboards, parts of summer houses).

  Every household can dispose of up to two cubic metres of bulky waste per half-year in a municipal collection station or can have it collected from the house/flat after a written order has been submitted.

  If you have more than two cubic metres of bulky waste you must deliver this personally to the Wertstoff-Aufbereitung Dresden GmbH (Pirnaer Landstraße 274) or have it disposed of by a container or haulage company of your choice.

- Hazardous waste
  This includes paint, varnish and solvent remains, chemicals, pesticides, spray cans with remaining content, glue, oil and fatty waste, batteries, used oil and starter batteries (disposal also at retailers), expired medication (disposal also at chemists). Up to a maximum of 10 kilograms of hazardous waste can also be disposed of at the municipal collection station. In addition the Schadstoffmobil (hazardous waste truck) does its rounds twice a year.

  Please note: Leave hazardous waste in the original container and do not mix it with other harmful waste. The hazardous waste truck also accepts gas-discharge lamps (energy saving lamps, fluorescent lamps).

- Garden waste and tree and shrub cuttings
  The collection station commissioned by the city council as well as the collection points for organic waste in the localities accept larger quantities of waste for a fee.

  Please note: Tree and shrub cuttings (tree trunks, branches) will only be accepted up to a length of one metre and a maximum diameter of 20 centimetres.

- Old electrical/electronic appliances
  All the municipal collection station accept these appliances free of charge. Large household appliances (e.g. fridges), which have at least one edge that is longer than 60 centimetres, will also be collected from your house/flat for a fee once you have placed a written order.

- Markets for second-hand goods
  You can give appliances or consumer goods that are in a good state of repair and still work to a market for second-hand goods. Entitled parties can acquire these goods free of charge. Internet users have an additional option: The swap and give-away market www.dresden.abfallspiegel.de. You can submit offers and classified ads free of charge there.

- Additional information
  Addresses, telephone numbers and the opening hours of the collection stations that work on behalf of the city council, waste collection points or markets for second-hand goods are available in the current refuse brochure on the Internet at: www.dresden.de/entsorgung. There you will also find the A to Z of waste with detailed notices describing what type of waste must be disposed of in which manner.

  We hope that our information sheet has been of assistance to you. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Federal state capital of Dresden

Waste disposal in households

Notices for the correct collection and disposal

Dear foreign residents,

this information sheet explains how you can dispose of waste correctly and cost effective. Every year some 180,000 tons of waste are generated in the private households of our city. We do of course pursue the major goal of preventing waste to the greatest possible extent. En route to this objective we have become increasingly successful at recycling the recyclable materials.

Please help us to achieve this objective. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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- Internet

You can find out everything about waste management in Dresden at www.dresden.de/abfall.

- Annual refuse brochure

The refuse brochure is sent to you by post in December of each year. It provides all the information that is necessary concerning the collection and disposal of waste.

- Disposal options

You have four different ways of disposing of the greatest share of your daily waste:

- Wheelie bin stores at the house
  The containers are intended for residual waste, for organic waste and partially for waste paper. Inside this brochure we put together a summary overview that makes it easy for you to dispose of waste in the right way.

- Recycling bank sites

You will find one or more recycling bank sites in each residential area. You can dispose of used glass, paper, cartons and cardboard as well as newspapers and other pamphlets. On the inside of this handout you will be able to see which items belong in which container.

- Municipal collection stations

The city of Dresden is running eight collection stations. You can hand in the following items there: Bulky waste and hazardous waste, old electrical and electronic appliances. In addition there are collection points for garden waste and tree and shrub cuttings. You can find the collection points on the Internet at www.dresden.de/abfall.

- Mobile collections

for hazardous waste and Christmas trees.
What belongs in which waste container?  
Wheele bin stores directly next to the residential house

Residual waste bin
- Sweeps, vacuum cleaner bags
- Meat, fish, bones
- Small pet and dog faeces, mineral litter from cages or cat toilets
- Light bulbs
(Please note what is stated below)
- Ashes (without remaining embers), cigarette stubs and ash

Organic waste collection bin
- Fruit and vegetable remains (also remains of citrus fruit)
- Expired or spoiled foods (fruit, vegetables, pastries, scraps of food)
- Tea bags, coffee filter bags, coffee grounds
- Bunches of flowers, potato plants (without pots), smaller quantities of potting soil
- Organic household waste and waste from allotments (foliage, lawn clippings, shredded bush and tree cuttings, weeds)
- Organic pet litter (hay, straw, wood shavings)
- Other household waste that is suitable for composting (tissues, paper towels, kitchen roll, non-coated wrapping paper)

Our tip: Absorbent paper (e.g. newspapers) absorbs the moisture and consequently the odors and reduces the freezing of the waste in the winter.

The following do not belong in this bin:
- Waste paper, cardboard, glass bottles
- Hazardous waste (paints, varnish, solvents, oils, chemicals, batteries)
- Old electrical and electronic appliances
- Construction waste
- Bulky waste, waste wood, cork, CDs, DVDs
- Building waste
- Household scrap, large metal parts
- Energy saving lamps
- Fluorescent lamps

The following do not belong in this bin:
- Plastic bags
- Packaging made of metal or plastic
- Mineral pet litter (even if it is biodegradable)
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Nappies

Yellow bin
- Sales packaging made of plastic such as tubs (e.g. for yoghurt, puddings, cream, margarine), bottles (e.g. for body care products, washing-up liquids and washing detergents, films (e.g. for meat packaging, bags, carrier bags).
- Foams (e.g. polystyrene trays for meat, vegetable, fruit, packaging of small electrical/electronic appliances)
- Metal packaging (e.g. drinks cans and tin cans, aluminium foils/plates, screw caps, empty aerosol cans)
- Sales packaging made of composites materials (e.g. beverage cartons for milk or juice)
- Vacuum packaging (e.g. for coffee)

Our tip: You can obtain yellow sacks
- in your local city district administration centres
- from the waste disposal company that is responsible for this area
- at all the recycling depots commissioned by the city council

The following do not belong in this bin:
- Wallpaper remains
- Tissues
- Paper towel
- Packaging made of composite materials (e.g. tetra packs)

Blue bin
- Newspapers and magazines (not bundled)
- Books (without a leather binding)
- Booklets
- Writing paper, envelopes
- Catalogues and brochures
- Packaging made of cardboard or cardboard
- Crumpled paper (clean)
- Packaging made of paper
- Packaging paper

Please press larger pieces together flat and crush them

Cardboard
- Packaging made of paperboard or cardboard
- Crumpled paper (clean)
- Packaging made of paper
- Packing paper

Please press larger pieces together flat and crush them

Used glass
- Empty packaging made of glass (e.g. bottles for wine, juice, oil, vinegar and sauces, jam and conserve jars)

Please dispose of them separately based on their colours (white, brown, green). Bottles or jars with different colours belong in the green glass container

- Crystal glass
- Light bulbs and energy saving lamps
- Fluorescent lamps
- Flat glass (e.g. mirror and window glass)
- Fireproof glass (e.g. tea sets, laboratory glassware)
- Lampshades
- Drinking glasses
- Household items made of glass (e.g. beakers, bowls, jars)
- Porcelain, ceramics, stoneware
- Caps (metal, plastic or cork)

This listing is not complete due to the space limitations.