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# THE SORTING GUIDE

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# FOOD WASTE

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## YES PLEASE

- All food waste – both cooked and raw (without packaging)
- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat and bones
- Eggshells
- Seafood and fish
- Coffee filters and tea bags
- Cut flowers
- Paper towel

## NO THANKS

- Diapers, cotton swabs and disposable cloths → must go to residual waste
- Pizza trays → must go to residual waste
- Milk and juice cartons → must go to plastic, food and beverage carton
- Cat litter → must go to residual waste in a closed bag
- Bedding for house animals → must go to residual waste in a closed bag
- Potted plants and soil → must be taken to a recycling station



## 5 GOOD PIECES OF ADVICE

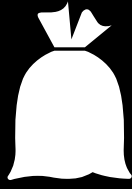
to minimize the risk of odours, flies and maggots:

1. Let the food waste drip well before throwing it out.
2. Pack perishable and/or heavily smelling foods into paper towel (e.g. fish and meat).
3. Do not overfill your green bags, and close them with a knot.
4. Carefully place your green bags in the outdoor container so that the bag is not pierced.
5. Change your green bag every 2 days during hot periods.



*Food waste? Think before you throw out.  
Maybe the food can be used in the packed  
lunch or as leftovers the next day?*

*Remember to use the green bags for  
food waste.*



# RESIDUAL WASTE

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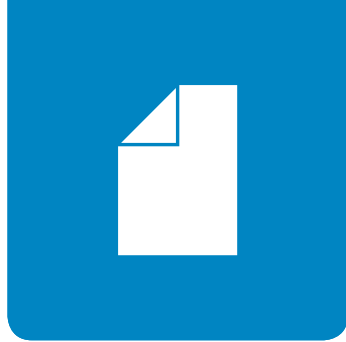
- Pizza trays
- Chips bags and coffee bags
- Diapers and sanitary napkins
- Vacuum cleaner bags (wrapped)
- Gift wrapping paper
- Flamingo
- Bedding for pets (in closed bags)
- Napkins
- Disposable cups
- Used fireworks

## NO THANKS

- Waste that can be recycled, such as plastic, paper, glass, metal, food and textiles → see in this sorting guide
- Needles, medicine residues and packaging → must be taken to pharmacy or a recycling station
- Chemicals, self-flammable cloths (needs to be soaked with water and placed in jars with tight-fitting lids) → must be taken to a recycling station
- Pressure bottles → must be taken to a recycling station
- Unused fireworks → must be taken to a recycling station



*Remember to tie a knot on the bag with residual waste so that the container does not get dirty inside.*



# PAPER

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## YES PLEASE

- Newspapers, weekly magazine, magazines and advertisements (without plastic wrapping)
- Letters and envelopes (including pane envelopes)
- Brochures
- Photocopies
- Writing and drawing paper
- Paper bags that are clean and dry

## NO THANKS

- Carton and cardboard → must go to cardboard
- Gift wrapping paper → must go to residual waste
- Oatmeal bags, flour bags and the like → must go to residual waste
- Books → must be taken to a recycling station
- Gift ribbon and string → must go to residual waste
- Pizza trays → must go to residual waste
- Egg trays → must go to cardboard
- Baking paper → must go to residual waste



PAPER



*Remember, the paper can be crumpled or torn – just not dirty or wet, because then it cannot be recycled.*

*Place paper loosely in the container without a bag or plastic packaging around it.*



# PLASTIC, FOOD AND BEVERAGE CARTONS

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## YES PLEASE

- Plastic bottles from e.g. detergents, shampoos and juices – without deposit
- Plastic trays from meat, vegetables and fruits
- Household films, plastic bags and bubble wrap
- Plastic toys without electronics or PVC
- Milk, juice and yoghurt cartons
- Cartons from food e.g. peeled tomatoes, beans and the like

## NO THANKS

- Styrofoam → must go to residual waste
- Plastic packaging marked with hazard symbols → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station
- Medicine packaging → must be taken to a recycling station or pharmacy
- Rubber → must be taken to a recycling station
- PVC e.g. rainwear, rubber boots, bathing toys, bathing wings and plastic pipes → must be handed over to bulky waste or a recycling station
- Plastic with electronics → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station



*Remember that plastic packaging and cartons must be emptied of their contents. Please collect your plastic, food and beverage cartons in a plastic bag.*



PLASTICS



BEVERAGE & FOOD CARTONS



# GLASS

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## YES PLEASE

- Glass bottles
- Jam jars
- Vitamin glass
- Preservation glass
- Wine bottles
- Drinking glass (not crystal)
- Broken glass

## NO THANKS

- Crystal glass and glass art → must be taken to a recycling station
- Porcelain e.g. plates → must be taken to a recycling station
- Ceramics, ovenproof dishes and glass → must be handed over to bulky waste or a recycling station
- Light bulbs and energy-saving light bulbs → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station
- Medicine glass → must be taken to a recycling station (remaining medicine must be handed over to pharmacy)
- Mirrors, windows and panes → must be handed over to bulky waste or a recycling station



*Glass does not have to be completely clean – just emptied and free of residue. Metal lids are allowed to remain on the glass.*



# METAL

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## YES PLEASE

- Food tins/cans
- Metal capsules and lids e.g. from glasses
- Tealight holders
- Pots and pans
- Foil trays
- Coffee capsules without coffee
- Cutlery, scissors and kitchen knives
- Tin foil/ aluminium foil
- Beverage cans without deposit

## NO THANKS

- Metal containing electronics and batteries → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station
- Spray cans → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station
- Coffee bags and coffee capsules with coffee → must go to residual waste
- Gas cylinders → must be taken to a recycling station
- Large metal objects like bicycles → must be handed over to bulky waste or a recycling station

*Only put small pieces of metal in the container, as larger items can get stuck.*



METAL



# CARDBOARD

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## YES PLEASE

- Cardboard boxes, both large and small
- Cardboard
- Moving boxes
- Corrugated board
- Packaging from breakfast packs, toothpaste and the like
- Toilet and kitchen towels
- Egg trays
- Shoe boxes

## NO THANKS

- Paper, newspapers and magazines → must go to paper
- Wet and dirty cardboard → must go to residual waste
- Pizza trays → must go to residual waste
- Flamingo → must go to residual waste
- Food and beverage cartons → must go to plastic, food and beverage cartons
- Paper cups → must go to residual waste
- Masking cardboard used for painting work → must go to residual waste or a recycling station

*Fold and divide cardboard boxes so they don't take up space.*



CARDBOARD



# HAZARDOUS WASTE

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## YES PLEASE

- Batteries
- Light bulbs, LED and fluorescent lamps
- Thermometers
- Spray cans (empty and full)
- Poison for plants, insects and pesticides
- Chemicals (also empty packaging)
- Oil residue (also empty packaging)
- Cleaners
- Paint residues
- Small electronic devices such as toys with electronics and smoke alarms

## NO THANKS

- Medicine residues → must be handed over to pharmacy
- Syringes → must be handed over to pharmacy
- Pressure bottles → must be taken to a recycling station
- Self-flammable cloths and liquids → must be taken to a recycling station
- Legal, unused fireworks → must be taken to a recycling station



Use your environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste. Or hand it over to a recycling station.





# BULKY WASTE

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## YES PLEASE

- Furniture (max. 2,1 x 1 m)
- Spring furniture and spring mattresses
- Large objects of iron and metal – the metal that cannot fit in the container for metal, e.g. bicycles (max. 2 x 2 x 1 m)
- Electronics and white goods – e.g. computers, TVs and vacuum cleaners
- Ceramics and porcelain
- Carpets, styrofoam and similar that cannot fit in the container for residual waste (max. 1 x 1 m)
- Soft PVC e.g. rainwear, rubber boots or garden hoses

## NO THANKS

- Construction waste → must be taken to a recycling station
- Sanitation – e.g. toilets and sinks → must be taken to a recycling station
- Fluorescent tubes → must be taken to a recycling station
- Mirrors and glass doors → must be taken to a recycling station
- Gas cylinders → must be taken to a recycling station
- Windows and pane glass → must be taken to a recycling station
- Environmentally hazardous waste → must be placed in the environmental box or environmental cabinet for hazardous waste or a recycling station

*Bulky waste not collected in containers must be clearly separated into the different types of waste, and smaller parts must be placed in clear plastic bags.*

*Bicycles and prams must be marked with bulky waste.*



BULKY WASTE



# GARDEN WASTE

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## YES PLEASE

- Leaves
- Flowers
- Branches
- Grass
- Weeds without soil
- Fallen fruit
- Christmas trees
- Christmas trees with wooden foot (max. 3 meters)

## NO THANKS

- Soil → must be taken to a recycle station
- Stones → must be taken to a recycle station
- Tree trunks and roots → must be taken to a recycling station
- Animal manure, bedding and undercover, etc. → must go to residual waste

*Remember to put garden waste in your garden waste container, in paper bags or tied with natural cord.*

*Bundles of garden waste may not exceed 1.5 m in length, have a diameter of no more than 0.5 m and a weight of no more than 10 kg.*



GARDEN  
WASTE



# TEXTILE WASTE

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## YES PLEASE

- Worn and torn clothing e.g. socks, shirts and trousers
- Used and broken bed linen, towels and tea towels
- Curtains and tablecloths with stains or holes
- Yarn and fabric scraps and rags
- Duvets, pillows and sleeping bags

## NO THANKS

- Nice clothes and textiles that can be recycled → must be recycled
- Wet and mouldy clothes and textiles → must go to residual waste
- Clothes with chemical, oil or paint stains → must go to residual waste
- Shoes, boots, belts, bags and leather → must be recycled or treated as residual waste



*Remember that textiles must be handed in dry and in a bag. Nice clothes and usable textiles still need to be recycled. Remember to tie the knot on the bag.*



TEXTILE WASTE

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# CONTACT

If you have any questions about sorting your waste, you can read more at [www.ballerup.dk/affald](http://www.ballerup.dk/affald). You can also contact Vestforbrændings customer service.

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