INFORMATION ON OUR RANGE OF SERVICES

BIO-WASTE BIN

Waste that accumulates in your home and garden can be recycled in a very natural way. For example, composts made from plant waste and leftover food can replace chemical fertilizers in agriculture. This is useful for the environment and for environmental protection.

WASTE DISPOSAL USING YOUR BIO-WASTE BIN (THE BROWN BIN)

We have different container sizes available

We have bio-waste bins available to use free of charge in either 60L, 80L, 120L, 240L, 550L or 660L sizes. However, only containers up to 80L are available for basements. A four-person household typically requires a 120L bin.

The difference compared to many other cities and small towns is that the bio-waste bin is free of charge in Cologne.

The bio-waste bin can be ordered for any property that has a general waste bin. If you are a home owner or an administrator put in place by the home owner, you can write to us to order your bio-waste bin (brown bin). If you are a tenant, ask your landlord to do this on your behalf.

The max. container volume that you can order depends on the number and size of general waste bins that you have. If you have a general waste bin that is up to 240L, you can order a bio-waste bin that is up to 240L. Provided that you have general waste containers that are 500L or larger, we would be happy to make a bio waste bin size available that is right for you. It may be necessary to use several containers if required.

USEFUL TIPS FOR USING YOUR BIO-WASTE BIN

Your bio-waste bin will be emptied by the AWB on a regular basis. However, your bin may give off an unpleasant smell from time to time. Here are a few tips to prevent this from happening:

• Put your bin outdoors, away from direct sunlight where possible

• Wrap moist kitchen waste in newspapers or kitchen paper. Don’t use plastic bags.

• If your bin has to be cleaned out, the AWB will be happy to swap it for a fresh, clean one on request. For more information, see: www.awbkoeln.de

• See www.awbkoeln.de, keyword: Grünschnitt und Laub, for more ways to dispose of your garden waste

Write to us to order your bio-waste bin

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✉ www.awbkoeln.de/behaelterservice
✉ auftrag@awbkoeln.de
☎ 02 21 / 9 22 22 27
**COLLECTION**

**Here’s how you dispose of waste correctly**

You can dispose of **organic waste** e.g. green pruning and other garden waste as well as leftovers. Plastic bags (as well as bio-degradable ones) don’t belong in the bio-waste bin. Private households may also fill it with cooked food waste.

**All of these can go in the bio-waste bin**

- **From the kitchen:** Bread and kitchen leftovers, egg shells, vegetable and fruit peelings, salad waste, coffee grounds/filters, nut shells, fruit pips, cooked/prepared leftovers, tea bags, citrus fruits
- **From the garden:** Flower waste, potting compost, leaves, foliage, brushwood, moss, cut grass/hedges, weeds
- **Other:** Hair, wood wool, cake crumbs, sawdust/wood shavings

**These items can’t go in the bio-waste bin**

- Fluids, refuse, vacuum cleaner bags, ash, animal bedding, nappies, plastic bags (this also applies to biodegradable ones), cigarette butts, animal droppings (mineral)

**Tip:** Cover the bottom of your bin with newspaper to stop it getting dirty and to prevent the waste freezing in winter.

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**EMPTYING**

**When are the bins emptied?**

From **March to November**, the bio-waste bin is **emptied on a weekly basis**, a label on the bin shows the emptying day.

Normally less bio-waste is produced during the winter months, so emptying takes place every fortnight from **December to February**. This is also why the labels on the bin are colour-coded.

**Red label** = uneven calendar week

**Green label** = even calendar week

You will be informed of any changes, for example due to bank holidays, on the waste and recycling calendar, on our homepage, via our app and in the local press.

**Important:** Please ensure that your bio-waste bin doesn’t get too heavy, otherwise our waste operatives will be unable to move them.