For private households separating waste is now even easier. Since 2014 the yellow bin is the same recycling bin for Cologne and the dual system. Useful raw materials can be reclaimed and your general waste bin can be simultaneously made lighter.

**WASTE DISPOSAL USING THE RECYCLING BIN (THE YELLOW BIN)**

**We have different container sizes available**

We have recycling bins available for you to use free of charge in either 120L, 240L or 1100L sizes. However, only containers up to 80L are available for basements. A two-person household typically requires a 120L 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 recycling bin (yellow bin). If you are a tenant, ask your landlord to do this on your behalf.

Only places that are unable to have a bin due to lack of space, receive orange recycling bags every six months. You can also continue to use the yellow bags.

**If you already have a yellow bin, you don’t need to do anything else, because the trusty yellow bin has the added benefit of being the recycling bin as well.**

**Are there also recycling bins for commercial businesses and other facilities?**

This depends on the type of facility that you have. In certain circumstances, we have a separate range of options for commercial businesses to help them with their waste disposal. Find out more about the options that apply to you by visiting [www.awbkoeln.de/gewerbe](http://www.awbkoeln.de/gewerbe) or speak to the AWB customer service team.

**OTHER WAYS TO RECYCLE WASTE**

**In case you produce more waste**

You can bring larger amounts of recyclable material to our recycling centres or recycling point and dispose of it there free of charge.

**Write to us to order your recycling bin**

- **Maarweg 271, 50825 Cologne**
- [www.awbkoeln.de/behaelterservice](http://www.awbkoeln.de/behaelterservice)
- [auftrag@awbkoeln.de](mailto:auftrag@awbkoeln.de)
- 02 21 / 9 22 22 27

**If you have any questions about your recycling bin, we will be happy to help**

- 08 00 / 444 04 46
- [www.awbkoeln.de/wertstofftonne](http://www.awbkoeln.de/wertstofftonne)

**Speak to our customer service team for more information.**
COLLECTION

Here's how you dispose of waste correctly

The new recycling bin (yellow bin) makes separating waste much easier for you. **Plastics, metals and composite materials** can now be disposed of in the yellow bin, regardless of whether they are packaging or everyday objects.

In private households, the **yellow bins will receive an orange label** and will therefore be considered to be a recycling bin. Instead of the previous yellow bags for lightweight packaging, you will receive orange recycling bags.

**All of these were always allowed in the yellow bin**

- **Plastic and composite material packaging** e.g. milk and juice cartons, yoghurt tubs with removable aluminium covers as well as detergent, washing-up liquid and shampoo bottles, toothpaste tubes and plastic bags
- **Metal packaging** e.g. empty tins, non-deposit drinks bottles, hairspray bottles, tubes and bottle caps

**All of these can now go in the recycling bin as well**

- **Plastic objects** e.g. cover sheeting, shells, cleaning buckets, document covers, food storage boxes, plastic cutlery, clothes irons and toys e.g. plastic cars
- **Metal objects** e.g. toys, screws, tin openers, items of cutlery, kitchen cloths, wire brackets, locks, aluminium grilling trays, toys made from metal, frying pans and pots.

**These items can’t be put in the recycling bin**

- Electric appliances, light sources, batteries, textiles, building and garden waste, wood, paper and glass

**Batteries and energy-efficient lightbulbs**

Due to the fact that their contents can pollute the environment, energy-efficient lightbulbs, fluorescent tubes, as well as non-rechargeable, rechargeable and button-cell batteries must be disposed of separately.

You can dispose of batteries and energy-efficient lightbulbs in **district offices** and in many depots. **Warning: No energy-efficient lightbulbs in the city-centre office.**

EMPTYING

When are the bins emptied?

Normally the bins are emptied **every 14 days**, but can also be emptied more frequently on request. You can tell the collection week and weekday by the colour of the label on the bin

- **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.

It is not permitted to dispose of old electronic appliances in the recycling bin. Please do not just leave cumbersome objects next to the waste container. Arrange to have it picked up by the **bulky waste service** or dispose of it at our **recycling centres**.