



WASTE GUIDE

How to properly dispose of waste



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For more information and many tips as well as the most important dates, please see the Waste Guidebook 2016

GREETING

Dear citizens

Do you know how important waste separation is in a city like Erlangen? Indeed, your behaviour has a significant impact on our city today and in the future. Only if you, as citizens of our city, try to prevent waste and separate any waste you may still have can we as a society guarantee that tomorrow our city will still be a charming place that offers a high quality of life.



For more than 30 years, the City of Erlangen has made sustainability and the separation of waste a priority. Even today, we are convinced that the prevention and separation of waste are essential to sustainable waste management and thus to the quality of life in our city. We are, therefore, all the more pleased with the high environmental awareness the citizens of Erlangen have shown for years. Our citizens are willing to feed recoverable waste back into the right reusable materials cycle. Our aim is that you will also participate.

In order for ecological waste management to continue to be a success, it is important for all of us not only to know where the various reusable materials are collected and residual waste is detoxified, but we also need to use these services and be committed to the procedures. We have put together the most important information for you so that we will all be able to do our best to keep our city clean. You will see: it is simple, and you can save money and even win. Enjoy reading and discovering.

Dr Florian Janik
Mayor



THE HOUSE COLLECTION CONTAINERS

There are waste containers at every residential building that have distinct colours and labelling to make it clear that each is for the collection of different items. Please consider this because after the containers are emptied, their contents are treated differently.

The black waste containers for daily residual waste

The contents of the residual waste containers are burnt in the waste-fed heating and power plants in Bamberg and Coburg. Residual waste is everything for which there is no useful recovery and which does not contain toxins.

In case the residual waste bin is not big enough, you can buy 70-litre sacks for 4 euros. You can buy these at the Citizens' Centre in the Rathaus and at the Waste Management Service at Stinzingstrasse 46. The waste collection service picks up the sacks when they empty the residual waste bins. They do not, however, pick up waste loosely placed next to the sacks or waste in other waste sacks!

The green waste containers for household and organic garden waste

The organic waste bins' contents will be treated at a digestion plant. Energy is produced from such waste and the digestate is used, for example, as soil improvement material in agriculture. For this reason, throw only biodegradable waste into these containers.

Organic waste can and should be wrapped in paper bags or newspaper before you throw it into the organic waste containers. Plastic bags are not biodegradable and must therefore not be put into organic waste containers. If you have used a plastic bag for taking waste to the organic container, empty the plastic bag into the organic waste container and then throw the plastic bag into the residual waste container.

Citizens of Erlangen can deliver larger amounts of garden waste (up to 1 m³ of private waste) to the Composting Plant of the City of Erlangen in Frauenaurach, Neuenweiherstraße 11, tel. 0 91 31 – 99 01 80, free of charge year-round.

The blue waste containers for paper and carton

Their contents will be recycled by a private disposal company. Recycling paper or cardboard is made from the contents of the paper container.

The yellow sack and the yellow waste containers for plastic and composite packaging

The yellow sacks and the contents of the yellow waste containers will also be recycled by a private disposal company. They are for all sorts of lightweight packaging. The printing on the yellow sacks tells you exactly what belongs in the yellow sacks and containers.



Please deposit the yellow sacks that you have correctly filled beside the blue containers no earlier than the evening before collection. The yellow sacks are not designed to be left outside for a long time and will lead to unwanted pollution. Please contact your landlord or property manager if you would like to know where to put the yellow sacks.

Please do not put anything next to the waste containers!

The table on pages 10 and 11 provides more detailed information on how to correctly fill the collection containers.

More information on house collection containers and the dates of collection:

- Info telephone: 0 91 31 – 86-29 39
- Waste Guidebook 2016:
www.erlangen.de/abfallwegweiser
- Waste Calendar of the City of Erlangen:
www.erlangen.de/abfallkalender

THE RECYCLING CONTAINERS AT RECYCLING POINTS AND IN STORES

In addition to the collection containers next to residential buildings, there are currently “depot containers” at 98 Recycling Points. They are distributed throughout the city so that you won’t have to go far, no matter where you live in Erlangen.

The containers at the Recycling Points

At the Recycling Points, you will find depot containers for the disposal of waste glass (important: only container glassware, no flat glass!). There are white, brown and green depot containers. Please throw white glass, brown glass and green glass into the corresponding containers. White glass can be recycled only from pure white glass. Likewise, brown glass can be recycled only from brown glass. If there are too many wrong types of glass in a container, only green glass can be recycled from it. This is why blue glass belongs in the container for green glass. Green glass is the glass recycling product of the lowest value.



There is another container with an orange lid for the collection of small electronic appliances at 67 recycling points. Here you may deposit all electronic appliances that fit through the 15 x 26 cm hole in the lid.

Please do not deposit anything next to the containers. The Recycling Points are not waste deposit sites!

The recycling containers in stores

You can take batteries, CDs/DVDs, toner cartridges, PU foam cans and cork to specialist retailers, where you will find separate disposal containers.

The Recycling Centre at the Waste Reloading Station Erlangen

You can take almost all reusable materials and hazardous waste to the Recycling Centre. The Recycling Centre accepts normal household quantities and disposal is for free. (Opening hours see table pages 10/11). You can also deposit bulk waste there.

More information on recycling containers:

- Info telephone: 0 91 31 – 86-29 39
- Waste Guidebook 2016: www.erlangen.de/abfallwegweiser
- Waste Calendar of the City of Erlangen: www.erlangen.de/abfallkalender
- Waste Reloading Station Erlangen: www.zva-erlangen.de

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

What is bulk waste? Bulk waste is, for example, bulky household waste that is too big or heavy to throw into the normal waste containers. The brochure “Sperrmüll – Terminvergabe und Information” and the website www.erlangen.de/sperrmuell offer more details.

The collection of bulk waste from your house

It is possible to arrange a time and date for bulk waste to be collected from in front of your house. Please allow for a waiting period of four weeks. You may arrange a time and date via telephone, fax or email: www.sperrmuell.erlangen.de Tel. 0 91 31 – 86-20 14, Fax 0 91 31 – 86-20 44, sperrmuell@stadt.erlangen.de

Please deposit your bulk waste for collection in front of your house no earlier than the evening before collection

and make four separate piles: wood, metal and electrical waste as well as other bulk waste. The individual items must be no longer than 2 m, no wider than 1 m and no heavier than 50 kg. The total must be no more than 10 m³.

A person delegated by the applicant must be present when the bulk waste is collected. Only those items will be collected that were indicated upon the arrangement of the collection date. Otherwise, it is not possible to plan the collection tours.

Delivery of bulk waste to the Waste Reloading Station

Private households in Erlangen (please bring your ID card) are entitled to deliver their bulk waste to the Waste Reloading Station Erlangen free of charge (max. 5 m³ per delivery).



More information on bulk waste disposal:

- Info telephone: 0 91 31 – 86-20 14
- Waste Guidebook 2016: www.erlangen.de/abfallwegweiser
- Waste Reloading Station Erlangen: www.zva-erlangen.de

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Hazardous waste must never be disposed of with residual waste or reusable materials. It contains harmful substances which must be collected and disposed of separately. Hazardous waste must never be deposited or stored and left unsupervised.

Please leave waste that contains harmful substances in their original containers if possible. Do not mix different substances.

Delivery of hazardous waste at the Mobile Hazardous Waste Unit

The experts at the Mobile Hazardous Waste Unit accept your hazardous waste at 74 sites in the city at more than 800 fixed times in the daytime and 18 fixed times in the evening hours (see table on page 11).

Please consult the online waste calendar (www.erlangen.de/abfall-kalender) or Waste Guidebook (www.erlangen.de/abfallwegweiser) for this year's dates. In the latter, you will also find a list of what is and what is not accepted at the Mobile Hazardous Waste Unit.

Delivery of hazardous waste to the Waste Reloading Station Erlangen

If you would like to deliver waste that contains harmful substances, take it to the collection point at the Waste Reloading Station's Recycling Centre.

Collection times:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
7:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am until 2:00 pm



More information on hazardous waste disposal:

- Info telephone: 0 91 31 – 86-29 39
- Waste Guidebook 2016: www.erlangen.de/abfallwegweiser
- Waste Reloading Station Erlangen: www.zva-erlangen.de

THE PREVENTION AND REUSE OF WASTE

What is even better than the recycling of waste is when an item no longer needed is reused by another person. This effectively prevents waste. Even when we go shopping, we can consider the durability of products and avoid purchasing throwaway items. Often, this is not a question of money; we only need to be attentive when we go shopping.

Erlangen has many opportunities to help you prevent waste. Before you arrange a time and date for the collection of bulk waste, you may, for instance, check whether what you consider waste may be exactly what someone else is looking for.

The Social Store of GGFA

Good second-hand furniture can be collected free of charge by the Social Store of GGFA after on-site inspection. Anybody interested may purchase the furniture at a low price at the store.

The Social Store is at Alfred-Wegener-Strasse 11, Tel. 0 91 31 – 92 00-45 00, www.ggfa.de

Opening hours:

Monday to Wednesday 8:30 am until 12:00 pm and 1:00 until 4:30 pm,
Thursday 1:00 pm until 5:30 pm,
Friday 8:30 am until 1:00 pm

The online Giveaway and Exchange Platform Erlangen

On this platform, you can both offer items you no longer need as well as look for items that others are offering to trade or give away. You will also find flea markets, clothing exchange platforms and repair services there (www.erlangen.de/tausch).



More information on waste prevention and reuse:

- Info telephone: 0 91 31 – 86-29 39
- Social Store of GGFA: www.ggfa.de
- Giveaway and Exchange Platform Erlangen: www.erlangen.de/tausch
- Repair Cafe Erlangen: www.repaircafe-erlangen.de

WHICH WASTE BELONGS WHERE?



Black bin Residual waste

- Ashes
- Cigarettes
- Dish sponges
- Emulsion paint
- Hygiene items
- Light bulbs, Halogen bulbs
- Mirror shards
- Nappies
- Porcelain, ceramics
- Sweepings
- Toothbrushes
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Video/audio cassettes
- Wallpaper

Green bin Bio waste

- Coffee filters
- Cut flowers
- Eggshells
- Fruit and vegetable residues
- Garden waste
- Napkins
- Paper tissues
- Paper towels
- Pot plants (without pots)
- Small animal bedding
- Teabags

No organic waste in plastic bags!

Blue bin Waste paper

- Books (without cover)
- Cartons (crushed)
- Catalogues
- Exercise books
- Letters
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Packaging paper
- Unaddressed items
- Writing paper

Please flatten and shred cartons!

Glass containers Brown glass, green glass, white glass

- Container glassware
- Flasks
- Non-returnable bottles
- Preserving jars

Only during disposal times: on weekdays 7:00 am until 7:00 pm

Please separate glass colours!

Mobile Hazardous Waste Unit Hazardous waste

- Acids and lyes
- Aerosol cans with contents
- Batteries
- Car batteries
- Car cleaners and waxes, oil filter, brake fluid, antifreeze
- Chemicals
- Deep-frying fat and edible oil
- Detergents
- Disinfectants
- Electrical and electronic appliances (up to 15 × 26 cm)
- Energy-saving bulbs
- Fire extinguishers
- Flourescent tubes and LED lamps
- Glue and adhesives
- Lead, tinsel, tin
- Plant fertilizer and plant protective agents
- Photo chemicals
- Shoe polishes
- Switches and thermostats with mercury
- Varnish

Return waste oil to retailers!

Waste pharmaceuticals can be deposited in the residual waste bin because the waste from Erlangen goes directly to combustion.

Waste prevention and reuse

Online Gift and Exchange Platform Erlangen

www.erlangen.de/tausch

Clothing exchange

www.erlangen.de/tausch

www.kleiderkreisel.de
(Filter: Find items nearby)

or
www.vintys.de/shops/vintys-erlangen

Repair Cafe Erlangen

www.repaircafe-erlangen.de

GGFA "Social Store"

Good second-hand furniture can be collected free of charge by the Social Store of GGFA after on-site inspection. Anybody interested may purchase the furniture at a low price at the store.

www.ggfa.de

Yellow container, yellow bin, yellow sack Packaging

- Beverage cartons (e.g. milk and juice cartons)
- Composite materials
- Foils (incl. aluminium foil)
- Plastic bags
- Plastic bottles (e.g. detergent, shampoo)
- Plastic caps
- Plastic cups (e.g. yogurt pots)
- Styrofoam (from packaging)

Please put packaging loosely into the yellow container or yellow bin!

Metal container

- Aerosol cans without contents
- Aluminium
- Beverage and food cans
- Crown caps
- Metal caps
- Sheet metal

Small electronic appliances collection container

Small electronic appliances such as mobiles, razors, entertainment electronics or toys and tools up to 15 × 26 cm

Worn clothing container

- Bed linens
- Clothing
- Curtains
- Feather-filled quilts
- Shoes
- Towels

Recycling collection containers in stores

- Batteries
- CDs/DVDs
- Cork
- PU foam cans
- Toner cartridges

Recycling Centre Waste Reloading Centre Erlangen

- Bulk waste
- Electrical and electronic waste
- Hazardous waste (free of charge, waste oil up to 20 litres), Wednesday to Saturday only
- Renovation waste
- Reusable materials (up to 1 m³ free of charge) except packaging

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 7:00 until 12:00 pm and 1:00 until 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am until 2:00 pm