# **GARBAGE**

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DETAILED ONBOARDING:
☐ Garbage separation
☐ Times for Garbage disposal
☐ Bins indoor
☐ Bins outdoor
continuous
☐ Checking garbage everyday
☐ Full Bin bring downstairs
☐ Separate Garbage into right outdoor bin
Cleaning dirty bins
☐ Refill empty bags

#### TYPES OF RECYCLING BINS

#### Standard recycling bins

You find these bins in your apartment building:

- Blue bin (blaue Tonne)
  - For paper and cardboard. You can't use plastic bags for the blue bin.1 Flatten cardboard boxes before you recycle them.
- Yellow or orange bin (Wertstofftonne)
   For plastic and metal containers, and containers with the Grüner Punkt logo.
- Brown bin (Biomüll)
   For biodegradable goods. It's used to make biogas and compost.2 Don't use plastic or biodegradable bags, only paper bags.3
- Grey bin (Restmüll)
   Things that you can't sell, donate or recycle.
- Glass recycling bins (*Glasiglus*) For glass containers that don't have a deposit (*Pfand*). In Berlin, you don't need to clean glass containers.4 If your building does not have glass recycling bins, find them in your neighbourhood. There are 3 bin types:
  - The Braunglas bin for brown glass
  - The *Grunglas* bin for green, red and blue glass5
  - The Weißglas bin for transparent glass

### Other types of recycling bins

- Bottle return machines (*Pfandautomat*)
   For containers with a deposit (*Pfand*). These machines are in most supermarkets, usually near the door.
- Battery recycling bins
   For used batteries. These bins are in most supermarkets, electronics stores and hardware stores, usually near the door. Rossmann and dm also recycle batteries.
- Electronics recycling bins
   For used electronics and objects with the WEEE logo. These bins are in electronics stores, hardware stores, and some supermarkets. More information

#### RECYCLING CENTRES

Recycling centres accept almost everything. This is where you get rid of big items like construction materials, trees, furniture, appliances, carpets and mattresses.

### https://www.bsr.de/recyclinghoefe-20503.php?view=list

**Recyclinghof Asgardstraße** 

**Recyclinghof Behmstraße** 

**Recyclinghof Berliner Straße** 

Recyclinghof Brunsbütteler Damm

Recyclinghof Fischerstraße

**Recyclinghof Plus Gradestraße** 

**Recyclinghof Hegauer Weg** 

Recyclinghof Ilsenburger Straße

**Recyclinghof Lengeder Straße** 

**Recyclinghof Nordring** 

**Recyclinghof Oberspreestraße** 

Recyclinghof Ostpreußendamm

**Recyclinghof Rahnsdorfer Straße** 

**Recyclinghof Ruppiner Chaussee** 

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### Blue Bin = Paper And Cardboard



#### What Belongs In The Blue Bin?

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Egg cartons
- Letters and Envelopes
- Carton Packaging (folded)

### What Does Not Belong In The Blue Bin?

- Drink cartons = yellow bin
- Paper towels = black bin
- Dirty cardboard with food residues = black bin
- Large carton shipping boxes = special large carton containers on your neighborhood streets

#### Yellow Bin = Plastic And Soft Metal



### What Belongs In The Yellow Bin?

- No-deposit plastic bottles
- No-deposit cans
- Milk and juice cartons/Tetra-packs
- Yogurt containers (pull the metal lid of the plastic container fully, as they get separated by machines and recycled differently)
- Drink cartons
- Aluminum foil
- Tins

### What Does Not Belong In The Yellow Bin?

- Batteries = special containers (see below)
- Light bulbs = special containers (see below)
- Styrofoam = black bin

### Green/Brown Bin = Organic/Bio Waste



### What Belongs In The Brown/Green Bin?

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Eggshells
- Food leftovers
- Fruit and vegetables and their skin
- Waste from the garden, such as flowers, grass, leaves, etc.

### What Does Not Belong In The Biotonne?

- Ashes = black bin
- General dirt = black bin
- Pet litter = black bin

# Gray/Black Bin = Residual Waste



The German gray or black trash can (Restmüll) is for all other trash, including sanitary products with the below exceptions.

### **Glass Bottles**



There are containers, where your glass bottles go, of course, separated by brown, white, and green glass.

### What Is Pfand In Germany?

Pfand stands for deposit in German, and it refers to the bottle and can recycling system in Germany. When you buy certain bottles and cans in a supermarket or at a kiosk in Germany, you will pay a deposit (Pfand) on top of the product price. Once you return the empty bottle, you are refunded this deposit, and the bottles get recycled or reused.

Upon purchase, you can spot the Pfand on the shelve's price tag, as it is listed separately from the product price.

The Different Bottle Types And Deposits In Germany

There are two different types of Pfand in Germany.

Multi-Use Bottles (Mehrweg)

These bottles are usually made of glass or thicker plastic and will be refilled up to 50 times before they get recycled. Of course, there are strict health regulations for the refilling process. Multi-use bottles are:

- Non-alcoholic glass bottles
- Beer bottles
- Thicker plastic soft drink bottles
- Yogurt glasses

The deposit for these bottles varies between 8 to 15 cents per bottle and you can identify them by the following <u>logos</u> or words such as 'Pfand-Glas', 'Mehrwegflasche' or 'Mehrweg-Pfandflasche'.



Single-Use Bottles And Cans (Einweg)

These bottles and cans are only used once and are recycled upon return. Ecologically they have a bigger impact than multi-use bottles. Single-use bottles and cans typically are:

- Less stable plastic bottles
- Cans

The deposit for these bottles and cans is always 25 cents each and you can identify them by the following <u>logos</u> or words such as 'Einweg' or 'Einwegflasche'.





#### Bottles With No Deposit

There are, of course, bottles with no Pfand as well. Bottles and cans without Pfand typically are:

- Wine bottles
- Spirit bottles
- Bottles from other countries
- Milk and juice containers (Tetra-Pack)

It would be best if you disposed of the milk and juice containers in your house's yellow trash. To dispose of the bottles, you should use the glass containers on the streets in your neighborhoods.

### **Special Waste Disposal In Germany**



### Electronics, Batteries And Light Bulbs

Please do not put electronics in your regular house trash. Instead, return them in dedicated locations to allow proper recycling.



This label on products indicates that they do not belong in your house trash, but need special recycling. The easiest way to return electronics and light bulbs is in your nearest electronics store, such as <a href="MediaMarkt">MediaMarkt</a> and <a href="MediaMarkt">Saturn</a>, and hardware stores such as <a href="Bauhaus">Bauhaus</a> and <a href="Hornbach">Hornbach</a>.

You can also find batteries and light bulbs recycling bins in supermarkets such as REWE, Aldi, or dm.

### **Furniture And Bulky Items**



Germans have a love-hate relationship with Sperrmüll. It translates to bulky trash and refers to furniture and any other big and bulky items (including big electronics, such as washing machines, refrigerators, and TVs) that do not belong or fit into the regular trash.

Why a love-hate relationship? Because some people living in Germany do not understand how Sperrmüll works, misuse it, and cause a mess by doing so. Wow, that didn't sound nice, let me explain.

The correct way of disposing of your old furniture and bulky objects is by signing up with your local garbage removal service. You tell them what you would like to dispose of, and they will notify you when they will come and pick it up. Usually, they give the same date to everyone in a neighborhood.

The evening before the pickup, everyone puts their stuff on the sidewalk in front of their house. For that night, your neighborhood looks like a mess, and there will be strangers digging through everyone's pile and putting things into their Sprinter cars for them to resell elsewhere.

The problem is that some people just put their stuff on the street, without notifying the local pick-up service, and it remains on the roadside for days or even weeks.

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