

## Organic waste

### From waste to valuable compost

Organic waste becomes valuable compost. A cycle copied from nature makes it possible. Fruit and vegetable peelings, faded flowers and shrub cuttings are too good for the residual waste bin and are irretrievably lost there. Collected in the organic waste bin, they are composted and improve the soil. Learn more about the proper handling of organic waste.

### Separated from household waste

Organic waste is collected separately from normal household waste. The organic waste collected separately in the brown organic waste bin thus does not end up unused in the residual waste, but is turned into [valuable](#) compost in a composting plant.

This compost is suitable for improving garden soil and for planting flower boxes, tubs and raised beds. This closes a natural cycle. Waste is turned into a new, high-quality product.



## Have a barrel cleaned?



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## Frequently asked questions

### – What belongs in the organic waste bin?

- Bread and cake scraps
- Egg shells
- Cooked fish and meat scraps, bones, food scraps
- coffee grounds, tea bags
- compostable small animal litter
- Leaves, lawn clippings, branch and shrub cuttings, wild herbs Lettuce, vegetables and fruit (including citrus fruits)
- Withered flowers

### – What does not belong in the organic waste bin?

- Waste that is not compostable (e.g. sanitary products, plastic bags, nappies).
- Waste that contains pollutants (e.g. batteries)
- Liquid food waste, oils and fats
- Cat and small animal litter
- Foil bags (see below)

### – How do I prevent odours and maggot infestation?

Possibilities to prevent unpleasant odours and maggots are:

- Place the organic waste bin in a **cool and shady** place if possible.
- Make it difficult for flies to get into the bin, **keep the lid closed**.
- Wrap kitchen waste, especially bones and bones, in **newspaper**.
- Line the pre-sorting container and the organic waste bin with crumpled up newspaper or egg cartons.
- Allow moist waste, such as lawn clippings, to dry out. Insert an intermediate layer of crumpled newspaper
- Clean the bin **regularly** (or have it cleaned)


- Control maggot infestation with rock flour or lime



## Are compostable foil bags allowed in the organic waste bin?

**No**, compostable foil bags have no place in the organic waste bin !

In the composting plant, they interfere with the rapid composting of the organic waste. Moreover, most of them only decompose into smaller microplastic particles, but do not decompose into high-quality humus.

You can find more information here: <https://www.wirfuerbio.de/egw/> 



## What are the fees for the organic waste bin?

You can find a list of fees on [our rubbish collection page](#). ([click here](#))



## Which barrel sizes are there and which one do I have to take?

The organic waste bin is available as a **120 l** and **240 l** container. The 120 l bin is obligatory.

For larger gardens or households, the 240 l bin is recommended.



## What do I have to pay attention to in summer?

High temperatures can lead to unpleasant odours and vermin infestation. The following tips can help prevent this:

- Place the organic waste bin in a **cool and shady** place.
- Make it difficult for flies to get into the bin, keep the lid closed.
- **Wrap** kitchen waste, especially **bones and bones, in newspaper**.
- Line the pre-sorting container and the organic waste bin with crumpled up newspaper or egg cartons.
- Allow moist waste, such as lawn clippings, to dry out before disposal. Insert an intermediate layer of crumpled newspaper.
- Clean the bin regularly or have it cleaned.
- Control maggot infestation with rock flour or lime.

## – What do I have to pay attention to in winter?

In sub-zero temperatures it can happen that organic waste freezes in the bin, in which case the organic waste bin cannot be emptied or can only be partially emptied.

These tips will help:

- If possible, place the organic waste bin in a frost-protected place, e.g. in a garage, the night before emptying.
- Keep the contents of the organic waste bin as dry as possible.
- Wrap kitchen waste in newspaper.
- Mix crumpled newspaper with the organic waste.
- Allow coffee filters to dry a little.
- Remove frozen waste from the inside of the bin before emptying.

## – Do I have to take an organic waste bin?

The organic waste bin is a compulsory bin. Organic waste must be kept separate from other waste.

## – Can I also deregister the organic waste bin?

In principle, the bio-bin is a compulsory bin and every household must have the possibility to keep bio-waste separate from other waste. Those who can compost the


organic waste on their own property and recycle the compost on their own property have the option of self-composting.

Click here to go to the [page on self-composting](#). (click here)

## – What happens to the waste in the organic waste bin?

The organic waste collected in Bocholt and other district municipalities is taken to the composting plant of the Entsorgungsgesellschaft Westmünsterland and processed into **high-quality compost** there.

You can find out what happens to your organic waste here:

<https://www.egw.de/anlagen-standorte/entsorgungsanlagen/bioabfallkompostierungs-und-vergaerungsanlage/> 

## – What do I do with my bulky green waste?

You can find information on this topic on [our green waste acceptance page](#). (click here)

## – Can I get the organic waste bin cleaned?

Regular cleaning of the organic waste bin is an **additional service for which a charge** is made. You can find information about this on [our organic waste bin cleaning page](#). (click here)

## – Where can I get Bocholt compost?

You can get Bocholt compost at the **recycling centre**. (For more information, click

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## Where do I leave all the leaves in autumn?

As a **general rule**, leaves also belong in the organic waste bin! If there is an excessive amount of leaves, we offer you the seasonal bin.

[Click here for information on the leaf bin.](#)

[Click here for all information on green waste collection.](#)

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## Waste Act

[↗ State Circular Economy Act - LKrWG](#)

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## Questions about organic waste

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**Administration:**

Mon - Thu: 7.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Fri: 7.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Recycling centre:**

Mon: closed

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9 am - 6 pm

Sat: 9 am - 1 pm

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