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Disposal company

## What do glass containers have to do with bees? - Information stand of the waste advisory service and the beekeepers' association

**Tuesday, 4 April // 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. // St. George's Square**

Containers for glass and paper, how to use them properly and what bees have to do with them - Petra Tacke, waste advisor of the Bocholt waste disposal and service company, will be providing information on these topics together with members of the Bocholt Beekeepers' Association on Tuesday, 4 April in the city centre. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Ms. Tacke will be at the information stand on St. George's Square near the fountain. Each visitor will receive a seed ball with bee pasture seeds.

### 100 container locations in Bocholt

There are around 100 locations for glass and paper containers in Bocholt. This means that at least one site is within easy walking distance for most Bocholt residents. "Although the containers are a familiar sight, there are still a few things that are unknown to many," says Tacke. For example, unrinsed honey jars pose a risk of spreading American foulbrood to local bees. Therefore, honey jars should be rinsed before disposal.

### Danger for bees

American foulbrood is a bacterial disease that is highly contagious for bee colonies, occurs worldwide and is notifiable in Germany. Honey or honey residues can contain spores of the pathogen, which are completely harmless to humans but can threaten bee populations. To prevent the danger, the waste advisory service and beekeepers recommend that honey jars be thoroughly washed out with hot water before disposal in the bottle bank. In future, stickers on the glass containers will also point this out.

### Support from the beekeepers' association

The idea for the stickers came from the beekeepers' association in Bocholt. Together with the ESB, the sticker was developed and will be attached to the containers by the members of the beekeepers' association in the coming days.





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