

Throw your waste into the bin – But which one?

What to throw into which container- a guide to waste separation



Things that belong into the yellow recycling bin 'Gelbe Tonne AWW PLUS' (yellow cover):

Empty lightweight packaging e.g. plastic bags, yoghurt cups, dish liquid bottles, TetraPak (juice and milk cartons), cartons coated with plastic (e.g. from frozen food like fish fingers, vegetables), cans, aluminium foil, other plastic and/or metal items e.g. watering cans, plastic buckets, plastic bowls, plastic baskets, cutlery, pots, pans, small mechanic tools (e.g. saw, screwdriver, combination wrench) (*)

Things that do not belong into the yellow recycling bin 'Gelbe Tonne AWW PLUS':

food waste, diapers, electronic gadgets, CD/DVD, cassettes, cameras, cardboards, paper, tarpaulin with textile texture, wood, floor covering, bags, satchels, gumboots, gloves, tablecloth, textiles, thermal packs, umbrellas, coffee pots, filtration boxes (out of ceramic or porcelain), porcelain or ceramic cachepots (*)



Things that belong into the paper bank (blue cover):

Paper or cardboard packaging e.g. washing powder cartons (without any plastic items), folded boxes from cosmetics, chocolate boxes without plastic inlay, newspapers, magazines, letters, advertising brochures, circulars, catalogues, books, paperbacks without plastic book cover, recovered paper (e.g. writing paper) (*)

Things that do not belong into the paper bank:

beverage cartons (TetraPak), wallpapers, sanitary paper (diapers, tampons), kitchen paper, tissues, covered paper (waxed paper, photo paper, graphical paper), baking paper, dust bags, photos, food waste (*)



Things that belong into the bin for residual waste (black):

Cat litter, sweepings, dust bags, light bulbs, diapers, plasters, porcelain, drinking glasses, mirror and window glass, rags, damaged shoes, bags satchels, backpacks, wallpapers, tarpaulin with textile textures, curtains, tablecloths, clothesline, dust mop, bird sand, razor blades, disposable razors, lighters, seat covers for cars, wiper blades, felt pens, ball pen refills, ashtray (*)

Things that do not belong into the bin for residual waste:

lightweight packaging, items out of plastic or metal e.g. watering cans, plastic buckets, plastic bowls, plastic baskets, cutlery, pots, pans, small mechanic tools (e.g. saw, screwdriver, combination wrench), cardboards or paper, glass bottles and drinking glasses, battery, electronic devices, energy-saving lamps and LED, pollutants (*)



Things that belong into the organic waste bin:

Coffee dregs (with filter bags) and tea bags, fruit and vegetable waste e.g. potato peels, leftovers from bread, egg shells, dead flowers and old flower soil, small wood waste (untreated) from home improve activities, green waste, kitchen paper, dirty wrapping paper (e.g. from the bakery) (*)

Things that do not belong into the organic waste bin:

Non-woven fabric and cellulose with plastic material (e.g. diapers), plastic bags and foils, polystyrene bowls, yoghurt pots, animal carcasses, stones, metals (e.g. cans), glass, batteries and button cells, composite materials (e.g. milk packages), huge amounts of paper (*)

(*) only a few examples, no claim on completeness