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**SORT IT**

**Reducing waste is good for the environment and good for your bank balance. The aim of Waardlanden's Sort It campaign is to work with you and your local municipality to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill.**

We want residents to reduce the amount of waste they produce and to sort and separate important recyclable resources even more effectively at home. This will reduce the amount of waste that needs to be incinerated (which is an expensive process) while maximising the amount of material that can be recycled.

## **Making sorting easy**

**Tip 1.** On the back of this card, you'll find a handy waste-sorting guide. Keep it in your kitchen so you can quickly check which container you should use for any type of waste.

**Tip 2.** Place containers around your home to separate waste. After a while, it'll become a habit that's easy to maintain.

› Kitchen. Have a separate container for organic waste in your kitchen, as well as a bag or container for plastic, metal and cartons\* and a bin for other waste. Label each container so that everyone in your home knows how to sort waste and recyclables. You can also buy special sorting bins that enable you to separate all your waste using different sections inside just one container.

› Bathroom. Place a small container for empty shampoo bottles, shower gel bottles and other plastic packaging\* in your bathroom. But remember that razors need to go in your general waste bin, even though they are often made of plastic. Of course, it's always better to avoid waste where you can, so consider switching to shampoo bars or reusable cosmetic pads.

› Office. Place a paper bin for newspapers, magazines and other waste paper and cardboard in your office. You can also read magazines and newspapers online, which will reduce the amount of paper waste you generate.

**Tip 3.** If you find yourself wondering how to dispose of something correctly, check the recycling guide in the Waardlanden app or at [waardlanden.nl/scheidingswijzer](http://waardlanden.nl/scheidingswijzer). Still unsure? Then it's best to opt for general waste – that way, you won't contaminate any recyclable waste streams.

## **Your actions keep your area clean and tidy!**

Dispose of waste in your local collection containers. This will help keep your area clean and prevent litter and pest infestations. Do not place waste or objects next to the containers. If you do, you'll receive a hefty fine. Learn more at [waardlanden.nl/schone-buurt](http://waardlanden.nl/schone-buurt).

\* Please note: The rules for disposing of plastics, metals and cartons will vary depending on where you live. If your home does not have a plastics/metals/cartons container, you can dispose of this waste along with your general waste in your nearest general waste container. This waste is collected separately and sorted by machines at a later stage.







## Paper

### Yes please

Clean and dry paper and cardboard, such as:

- Egg boxes
- Leaflets (no plastic sleeves)
- (Copier) paper
- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Newspapers and magazines
- Envelopes (with or without windows)

### No thank you

Wet or dirty paper or cardboard, such as:

- Wallpaper, box files and folders (= general waste)
- Envelopes with plastic bubble wrap lining, plastic-coated packaging (= general waste)
- Coffee filters (= organic waste)
- Nappies (= general waste)
- (Pizza) boxes with grease marks or remnants of food inside (= general waste)
- Wipes (= general waste)
- Drinks packaging (= plastics/metals/cartons\*/general waste)



## Glass

### Yes please

Glass packaging (with lids), such as:

- Drinks bottles
- Make-up bottles
- Olive oil bottles and spice/herb jars
- Perfume bottles and cosmetics jars

### No thank you

All other types of glass, such as:

- Drinking glasses, windowpanes, vases, mirrors (= general waste)
- Glass from photo frames (= local waste recycling facility or general waste)
- Bulbs and fluorescent tubes (= small items of chemical waste)
- Fire-resistant glass, such as baking dishes and tea glasses (= general waste)



## Organic waste

### Yes please

Vegetable, fruit, garden and food waste, such as:

- Flowers and (house) plants
- Fruit and vegetable peel
- Coffee grounds, filters and pads
- Litter from pet rodent cages, including waste
- Teabags, loose-leaf tea

### No thank you

- Cat litter, bird cage litter, dog excrement (= general waste)
- Chewing gum (= general waste)
- Coffee cups (= general waste)
- Nappies and incontinence products (= general waste)
- Pots, clay pebbles, stones (= general waste)
- Cigarette butts and ash (= general waste)
- Packaging materials (= plastics/metals/cartons\*/general waste)



## Textiles

### Yes please

Clean and dry textiles in any condition, such as:

- Bed sheets
- Curtains
- Towels
- Clothing
- Soft toys
- Fabric
- Shoes, bags and belts
- Scarves and hats
- Tablecloths
- Dishcloths

### No thank you

- Duvelts and pillows (= general waste or local waste recycling facility)
- Very dirty or wet textiles (= general waste)
- Textiles with paint or chemical marks (= general waste)
- Rugs and floor coverings (= bulky waste or local waste recycling facility)



## Small items of chemical waste

### Yes please

Small items of chemical waste, such as:

- Disposable and rechargeable batteries
- Bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- Medicines
- Engine oil
- Turpentine and thinner
- Paint cans

Small items of chemical waste can be taken to your local waste recycling facility.

### No thank you

- Chlorine (= general waste)
- Empty cosmetics bottles (= glass)
- Used cooking oil (= local waste recycling facility)
- Paintbrushes with hardened paint (= general waste)



## General waste

### Yes please

General waste is the non-recyclable household waste that is left over once all recyclable materials have been separated. It includes:

- Cat litter
- Dog excrement
- Cigarette butts
- Nappies and incontinence products
- Chewing gum
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Dirty textiles
- Empty spray cans
- Paintbrushes and rollers
- Drinking glasses, vases, mirrors, windowpanes
- Contaminated textiles
- Pots, clay pebbles and stones
- Wallpaper, box files and folders

### No thank you

- Asbestos (= local waste recycling facility)
- Batteries (= shop or local waste recycling facility)
- Construction and demolition waste (= local waste recycling facility)
- Electrical equipment (= local waste recycling facility, home improvement store or electronics retailer)
- Medicines (= pharmacy or local waste recycling facility)
- Pruning waste (= local waste recycling facility)



## Plastics, metals and cartons

### Yes please

Plastic packaging, metal packaging and drinks cartons \*, such as:

- Aluminium food trays
- Food cans (press lid inwards)
- Laundry and cleaning product bottles, shampoo and soap bottles
- Steel syrup bottles
- Plastic bottles for products such as oil, sauce and vinegar
- Blister packs
- Empty plant pots
- Plastic bags and crisps packets

### No thank you

- Hard plastic and other plastics (= general waste or local waste recycling facility)
- Agricultural plastic (= business waste)
- Medical materials (= general waste)
- PET bottles and cans (= return for deposit)
- Styrofoam (= general waste or local waste recycling facility)
- Spray cans (= general waste)



## Bulky waste

Bulky waste is household waste that is too large or heavy for general waste containers. It could be something like a worn-out three-piece suite, a broken chair, table or fridge, or an old mattress. Before you throw an item away, consider whether it would be worth donating it to charity; items that are still in good condition could be very useful to someone else. If you don't think the item can be passed on, take your bulky waste to your local waste recycling facility.

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