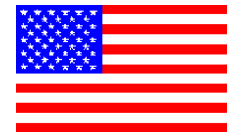


Waste Disposal in Birkenfeld district (Landkreis Birkenfeld)

AWB

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How to correctly separate - for people living on the economy (private rental) -



Residual waste

do put into the **gray dumpster**, which is emptied every two weeks.

What? E.g. binders, candle remainders, CDs/DVDs and CD/DVD cases, ceiling tiles/sheets of Styrofoam, children's toys, cigarette ashes and ends, clothes, coat-hangers, diapers, pencils, plastic dishes, PVC and carpet/rug remainders, sanitary articles, shoes, single-use gloves, sweepings, textiles, toothbrushes, vacuum cleaner bags, videocassettes and cases, wallpaper (used/unused).

Important! Temporarily arising excess quantities of residual waste can be collected in so-called "amtliche Müllsäcke" (= official garbage bags, to be purchased against charge), and which are picked up together with emptying of the dumpster.

Biological Waste

is collected (free of charge) in **biodegradable bags to be in turn accommodated** in small **pre-sorting bins**, and which are then disposed of together into the big **brown bio waste containers**. Emptying is once a week.

What? E.g. household waste: bones, bakery leftovers, coffee-filters, egg-shells, fishbone, fruit remainders, potato and onion peel, spoiled foodstuff, tea-bags; organic waste: biodegradable pet litter, feathers, paper towels, nut-shells; small quantities of garden waste: cut flowers, herbs, small indoor plants (without pots).

Important! Please do not use any plastic bags, and do throw the tied-up bio bags through the charging hole of the bio waste containers. No waste other than the above type may be put into the bio waste containers!

Waste Paper

shall be **bundled** or packed in **cardboard boxes**, and this way is picked up every 4 weeks.

What? E.g. brochures, exercise books/pads, gift wrapping paper and card for packing (plain), magazines, newspapers, writing/typing and computer paper, as well as paper and card packaging material, e.g., cereals, cookies, pasta, pizza, rice, soap, and shoe boxes.

Important! Please collect waste paper in unsoiled and uncoated state only (no wallpaper). Do not collect in plastic or Yellow Bags, nor other bags, nor plastic boxes.

Yellow Bag

Sales packaging material of plastics, metal, composite, or natural matter, as well as well as service packaging, cleared of residues (not rinsed), is collected in the **Yellow Bags**, which are picked up every 4 weeks.

What? E.g. beverage and milk cartons, cans of deodorant, hair spray, preserves and pet feed cans, cleanser and shampoo bottles, medical waste blister packets, non-returnable dishes (as from, e.g., fast food huts and snack restaurants), non-returnable beverage bottles and cans, noodle and soup packets, paint cans/buckets, plastic packets of nibbling stuff, stoneware bottles, shopping bags, packaging/stuffing styrofoam, toothpaste tubes, wooden boxes, yogurt cups and covers.

Important! Not for the Yellow Bags are, e.g., CDs, children's toys, coat hooks, diapers, plastic bowls, plastic pipes, Styrofoam ceiling tiles/sheets and wallpaper. These items shall be disposed of via the dumpster, official garbage bags or, against charge, at the premises of the Abfallwirtschaftszentrum (AWZ) Reibertsbach (former district sanitary landfill).

Used Glass

Sales packagings - emptied of residual contents - made of glass, such as, e.g., glass bottles (non-returnable) and **glass containers, sorted by colors brown, green and white**, do put into the **used glass containers**. Glass of other colors do add to green glass container. Caps can be disposed of via the Yellow Bags.

Important! Window or plate glass, as well as glass bowls and glass lampshades, water glasses and items of ceramics and china shall be disposed of either at the AWZ or, for small quantities, into the dumpster for residual waste.

Wood & Residual Bulky Waste as well as Metal & Electronic Scrap

shall be pre-sorted and made accessible for **roadside collection** three times a year on two days respectively (for exceptions: cf. pick-up schedules). Please observe the quantity limit per household and collection day of 1 cubic meter, the weight limit of 50 kg, and max. width of 1.70 m and max. length of 2 m per single piece.

What? Wood and Residual Bulky Waste: Only that waste which due to its size and structure does not fit into the authorized waste containers (=ordinary dumpster/dustbin) or which would make emptying difficult: e.g. bed covers/blankets, bedsteads, chairs, chests of drawers and night tables as well as cupboards/wardrobes (with glass or mirror removed), doors (with glass removed), indoor floor, ceiling and wall boards, laundry baskets, mattresses, pillows, plastic furniture, PVC coverings as well as rugs/carpets and carpet floor covering (both rolled-up or folded), shelves, suitcases (emptied), tables, upholstered furniture.

Important! Always remove package before placing for picking-up. Do not use bags/sacks nor cardboard boxes. Small items, loose or packed in cardboard boxes, suitcases, sacks, bags or other containers, are not ranging among wooden or residual bulky waste but shall be disposed of via the dustbin, official garbage bag or against charge, at the AWZ instead. The disposal of debris, as well as waste that accumulates from construction sites, household dissolutions or flat clearances is not permitted in the context of bulky waste collection. In such cases, transport and disposal costs shall be charged to the respective person. As a matter of course, private households are entitled to have their bulky waste picked up- provided that the private premises are being connected to the public waste pick-up system respectively.

Metal and Electronic Scrap: E.g. bathtub and shower tubs, bedsteads, bicycles (without rubber parts), cell phones, computer sets (screens, main CPUs, keyboards, mice), driers, electric cookers, electric tooth-brushes, electronic type children's toys, fuel oil heaters (with fuel oil remainders cleared, and in cleaned condition), furniture, hi-fi equipment (CD players etc.), lawn mowers (with fuel removed), bedsteads, oil radiators, pots, razor sets, refrigerators and freezers, tanning beds (without tubing), TV sets, toasters, tools, vacuum cleaners, washers, wheelbarrows.

Important! Large-scaled electrical sets with private households may also be picked up, against charge for transportation etc., also out of the bulky trash pickup schedule (consult with AWB).

No vehicle parts (tires, seats, and the like) may be included in the regular bulky waste pickup.

Hazardous Chemical Waste

can be disposed of twice a year at the "**Schadstoffmobil**" (hazardous waste truck), or once a month at the **Hazardous Waste Intermediate Collection Point** at Hoppstaedten-Weiersbach.

What? E.g. aerosol cans with residual contents, cloths impregnated with pollutants, disinfectants, domestic cleaning agents, energy-saving lamps, household cleaners, liquid paints and enamels/varnishes, petroleum benzine, plant pesticides, rechargeable batteries, thermometers, vehicle washing and caring agents, used hypodermic needles.

Important! Please make use of the commercial return systems (for, e.g., outdated and no-longer-needed medicine, re-chargeable batteries, waste batteries, used oil).

Bio(degradable) waste, and waste that accumulates from gardening work

can be disposed of at **various collection points** in the district (Kreis) area

- every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at so-called **mobile Sammelstellen** (mobile collection centers) from the beginning of April until the end of October.
- daily (except Sundays and holidays) from the beginning of April until the end of October at so-called **Hofannahmestellen** (recycling yard bio-waste collection centers), during winter months as per arrangement only.
- in various communities, at so-called **dezentrale Wertstoffhöfe** (decentralized recycling yards), opening hours as per previous arrangement.

What? E.g. cut flowers, garden waste from the pruning of trees, shrubs, and hedges (max. Ø 20 cm, max. length 3 m), foliage, lawn cuttings, moss, outdoor and indoor plants (without pots), weeds.

Important! Deliveries of up to 2 cubic meter per month are free of charge. Quantities of more than 2 cubic meter shall be disposed of at a Hofannahmestelle against charge respectively. In case of a commercial landscaping agency being entrusted with transportation, charges always ensue (irrespective of the respective quantity), and the waste always needs to be delivered to a Hofannahmestelle. Rootstocks and wood trunks must be separately disposed of against charge also.

Further information on waste avoidance, separation, and disposal is available in the respective information brochures which can be obtained either at the AWB in Birkenfeld or downloaded at www.egb-bir.de from the Abfallbetriebe website. The Abfallberatung (waste disposal counseling agency) at 06782/9989-22 or at abfallberatung@egb-bir.de will provide further information.