Waste is valuable - discriminate and separate!

Your guide on the collection system operating in Kulmbach administrative district

Inform yourself and save resources!

Recycle waste material!

Help us and keep charges down!
Dear Citizens,

Waste management in the Kulmbach administrative district is both tailored to your needs and inexpensive; and you profit from it almost every single day. However, it also needs you to lend a helping hand. This is why you should see our motto of "discriminate and separate" as an appeal.

Please discriminate because there are many types of waste that are simply too "valuable" to land in the refuse bin.

Separate this type of waste and put it in the collection systems that have been especially set up for the recycling of such material.

By doing this you are making an important contribution to the husbanding of stocks of natural raw material, which, as we all know, are finite. And you are also helping to keep the costs of our waste management down.

This guide is intended to help you in this endeavour.

Thank you very much for your support!

Kind regards,

Klaus Peter Söllner
District Administrator

Your collection day is:

For the collection of materials and refuse, please consult the collection calendar.

There are different collection days for every town, community, area or road in our administrative district.

Please contact our waste management staff.
What belongs in the **black** refuse bin?

**All combustible, non-recyclable refuse**

- Wallpaper
- Paper handkerchiefs
- Nappies, sanitary towels, serviettes, soiled paper
- Film and blueprint
- Carbon paper and wax coated paper, backing paper of self-adhesive film and stickers
- Cigarette butts, ash (cold)
- Sticky tape, pencil sharpener shavings
- Animal litter, bones
- Home care waste (e.g. disposable syringes, packed in sturdy containers, urine bags)
- Used toothbrushes
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Rags, leather
- Road sweepings
- Light bulbs
- Expired food (with packaging)
- Dried dispersion paint (solvent-free)
- Bicycle tyres
- Foot mats
- Photo albums
- Cloth hooks
- Sports bags
- Children’s toys
- Cyclist helmets
- Ski boots
- Rucksack, school satchels
- Dustpan brushes
- Toilet lids etc.

The refuse bin is emptied **every 14 days!**

What belongs in the **blue** waste paper bin?

**All disposable packaging made of paper and all print material**

*These are, for example:*

- Cartons, paper bags and boxes (clean), for example washing powder cartons (Please remove any plastic carrying handles)
- Newspaper, writing, copying and shredded paper
- Journals, illustrated magazines, catalogues and divider sheets
- Books, booklets (please remove plastic jackets)
- Envelopes

**CAREFUL!!!**

- Bonded drink cartons
- Paper laminates
- Coated paper
- Heavily soiled paper
- Other valuable materials or domestic waste etc. into the waste paper bin

Please do not put

The waste paper bin is emptied **every four weeks!**
**What belongs in the brown bio waste bin?**

**All organic and decomposable refuse**

- **Organic kitchen refuse**
  like potato peel, salad and vegetable waste, egg shells, food and leftovers of meals (in quantities associated with domestic use, no bones!)
- **Coffee and tea filters, or grounds/leaves**
- **Wood shavings, straw**
- **Feathers, hair**
- **Garden waste** (also weeds and sickly plants)
  However, if at all possible garden waste should be brought directly to the green composting plant.

The organic refuse can be bound in uncoated paper bags, newspaper or degradable bags.

**CAREFUL!!**

Do not under any circumstances

- Put plastic bags or other non-degradable waste in the bio waste bin.
  Bins containing such material are marked with the "red card" and not emptied.

**The bio waste bin is emptied weekly!**

**What belongs in the yellow recycling bag?**

**All disposable packaging made of plastic, composites and polystyrene**

- **Moulded parts**, like **bottles**
  (e.g. bottles that contained washing up liquid, cleaning fluids, shampoos, shower and bath lotions, adhesives, ketchup), **cartons** (e.g. yoghurt, margarine), **trays** (e.g. fruit, cottage cheese, biscuits, sweets), tubes (e.g. cosmetics, toothpaste, mustard), **small tubes** (e.g. fizzy tablets, straws, felt tip pens), **ribbon** (presents), **inserts** (boxes of chocolates, sweets), **Screw caps**
- **Film**, such as **cling-film**, **bags** (carrier, freezer bags), **foil packaging** (food-stuffs, sweets, cosmetics, cleaning agents), **nets** (fruit, vegetables)
- **Composites**, i.e. packaging made of more than one material such as drink cartons (e.g. milk, juices)
- **Vacuum packaging**
- **Polystyrene** (clean and not stuck), mouldings and chips, expanded polystyrene mouldings
- **Small aluminium parts** such as drink caps, lids of yoghurt cartons, aluminium foil

**CAREFUL!!**

Please remove all remaining contents and if necessary roughly clean (use the last of the washing up water).

- **Do not waste clean water!**
- **Do not use the yellow recycling bags for other purposes!**

**The yellow recycling bags are collected every 4 weeks!**

The recycling bags that have been distributed come with a renewal request. Please use it or another piece of paper if necessary and attach it to a bag put out for collection. You will then be given a new roll. Should this not be the case, you can also collect new bags from any town hall and at the district office (information). However, please first try to use the renewal request. The refuse company tries its best to save your having to go to the town hall.
What belongs in the **glass** container?  

**All disposable packaging made of glass**

- All (disposable) drink bottles as well as all preservative jars (vegetables, fruit and pickled preservatives, jams and marmalades, mayonnaise, ketchup, baby food) and glass containers from the pharmaceutical, cosmetics and perfume industry **separated according to the colour of the glass - brown, green, clear!**
- As far as possible any non-glass parts such as plastic and metal should be removed, i.e. no caps and lids!
- Other glass colours, e.g. blue, yellow, red or frosted glass must go in the green glass container!

**CAREFUL!!!**

- Do not dispose of
  - Light bulbs or light fittings
  - Clay, porcelain, ceramic or stone bottles,
  - Window, mirror or composite glass
  - Glass kitchen utensils either in or next to the container!

What belongs in the **aluminium-tinplate** container?  

**All disposable packaging and small parts made of**

- **Tinplate:**
  - Cans (e.g. drink, preservative, (spray cans only if completely empty)), tubes (e.g. food and care products), pull-off lids of cans and preservatives, bottles (e.g. spray cream, completely empty), caps
  - **Aluminium foil**, lids (yoghurt carton, cottage cheese trays), portion packaging (jams, spread, condensed milk)
  - **Miscellaneous:**
    - Old pans, kettles, pots, baking trays

**CAREFUL!!!**

- The containers must not contain any liquid such as, for example, paint or oil!
- Spray cans must be completely empty
- Fire lighters must be treated as problem waste!

Disposal is only permitted on weekdays between 8.00 and 19.00!

Out of consideration for people living near by, please turn off your car engine while disposing of your waste!
What belongs in the green waste composting plant?

All plant waste produced during the tending of gardens

- The following is accepted:
  - Bush, shrub, and tree cuttings, grass, leaves, branches, indoor plants, weeds, Christmas trees
- The following cannot be accepted:
  - Leftovers of meals and other kitchen refuse, earth and stone, wood from demolition work, manure, rootstock
- Deliveries from private gardens in domestic quantities are free of charge and do not require prior appointment!

Deliveries of green waste from public institutes, commercial and other organisations are charged at € 8.66/m³!

The quantity delivered with the date, address of the deliverer and the origin of the green waste must be entered on site. The corresponding lists can be found in the wooden boxes on the notice boards.

Your nearest composting plant is:

hat belongs in the problem waste?

- Problem waste is, for example:
  - Universal adhesives, drain cleaners, batteries, brake fluid, chemicals, disinfectants, descaling agents, energy saving lights, paint, lacquer, wood protector, glue, medicine, brush cleaner, cleaning agents, turpentine, week killer, thinners, zinc ointments

A container with one of these symbols means that it contains a hazardous substance which must be treated as problem waste.

What to do with problem waste?

- Monthly collection point in the district
  - at the industrial estate "Am Goldenen Feld" in Kulmbach, right next to the refuse transfer station, opened every 1st Saturday in the month from 09.00 -12.00.
- 130 mobile collection points: dates in the internet on: abfall.landkreis-kulmbach.de or at the waste consultancy department.
All bulky, movable household objects that are combustible

- **Bulky means:**
  Too large for the refuse bin. Anything which fits in a bag or carton is not bulky refuse

- **Movable means:**
  Not permanently connected with the house; this means anything which is usually taken with the family when it moves house

- **Combustible means:**
  Predominantly of wood, plastic, textiles or mixes of these materials

**Bulky refuse Hotline:**

09221/707-100

The bulky refuse will be picked up only on demand.

Of the stipulated collection dates at periods of 4-10 weeks a maximum of two per year and plot of land can be taken advantage of.

**What do you need to know about bulky refuse!**

- Plots of land must be part of the local rubbish collection system.
- Apartment buildings must communally use the bulky refuse.
- Combined plots of land are deemed as one plot of land for purposes of bulky refuse collection. Please mention this when making the appointment.
- If the plot of land cannot be directly reached by the rubbish collection vehicle, the actual location of where the refuse will be located must be given when making the appointment.
- Maximum 2 metres long and 50 kg objects
- On the day of collection the bulky refuse must be ready for collection from 6.00 a.m., and located where the refuse bins are normally put out.
- Every individual is responsible for his/her own bulky refuse. Refuse that is not bulky refuse and therefore is not collected must be immediately and properly disposed of by the residents
- Cupboards, drawers, suitcases, chests etc. are only taken if they are empty.
- Light fittings (e.g. in bathroom cupboards) must be removed.

**Used goods exchange INTEGRA:**

Well maintained objects can be handed in at INTEGRA, Gummistr. 17, Kulmbach, free of charge for the needy. Please arrange an appointment on Tel.-Nr. 09221/76988.
Bulky refuse includes:

A few examples:

- **Furniture:**
  Tables, chairs, stools, benches, beds, sofas, armchairs, chest of drawers, mattresses, cupboards, garden furniture

- **Fixtures and fittings:**
  Carpets, interior shutters, washing baskets, pictures, wooden and wicker boxes, notice boards, globes, lights

- **Toys:**
  Play theatres, shops, blackboards, doll prams, slides, rocking horses, toboggans, drums, soft toys, push bikes

- **Sport/leisure:**
  Canoes, musical instruments (not electronic), fishing rods, rubber boats, snowboards, skis, ski sticks, tents, table tennis tables, paddling pools

- **Miscellaneous:**
  Suitcases, inflatable mattresses, canvas, baskets, prams, snow shovels, brooms, buggies, trays, rain collectors

Bulky refuse does **not** include:

- **Waste from conversion, renovation or modernisation work:**
  This waste, such as, for example, drain pipes, windows, doors, wooden ceilings and flooring (laminate and parquet), garden fences, plasterboard, washing basins and toilet bowls must be disposed of at your own cost.
  Request the free demolition info sheet from the district office.

- **Residual waste:**
  Anything that cannot be recycled and fits in bags or cartons is defined as residual waste. Just because the refuse bin is too small, does not turn waste into bulky waste.
  If there is more waste than fits into the refuse bin, it must be disposed of using refuse bags (currently €2.75 /bag, available at the municipalities) or disposed of at the Kulmbach refuse transfer station.

- **Electrical appliances:**
  This waste, such as, for example, coffee machines, vacuum cleaners, mobile phones, hairdryers, record players, stereo systems, speakers, televisions, electrical tools and musical instruments, computers, printers or keyboards must be handed in to **INTEGRA**, Gummistraße 17, Kulmbach.
  Open daily from 09.00 a. m. Mon + Tue until 17.00, Wed – Fri until 18.00 and Sat until 13.00.
  This service is free of charge.

- **Scrap metal** (e.g. baking trays, home trainers, cycle, clothe horses) are for scrap metal collection. Large domestic appliances (e.g. washing machines, dishwashers, cookers) must be handed in at the district’s scrap metal collection point (1x annually) or to **INTEGRA**.
  Refrigerators must be handed in to the refrigerator collection (2x annually with appointment) or to the collection point Schmidt-Hofmann, Rugendorf, Industriestr. 5; open Mon – Thu, 08.00 – 12.00 and 13.00 – 17.00; Fri 08.00 – 12.00.

- **House clearances:**
  The bulky refuse collection only accepts normal domestic quantities.
  Complete house clearances exceed this quantity and must be disposed of at your own cost.
All electrical appliances powered by electricity or batteries

The consumer’s obligation to return appliances is anchored legally in the “act on placing on the market, return and environmentally sound disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment” which came into force on 24 March 2006.

Consequently all electronic scrap must be handed in to the municipal collection points.

All old electrical and electronic appliances covered by the act, can, with the exception of refrigerators and mobile air conditioners, be handed in at INTEGRA, Gummistraße 17, Kulmbach.

These include:

- Large domestic appliances: e.g. ironing machines, heaters, cookers, coffee machines, dishwashers, hot plates, fans
  In addition, large domestic appliances can be handed in at the scrap metal collection (1x annually, dates are given around the time) or at INTEGRA.

- Information and telecommunication devices e.g. devices from the computer area, copiers, fax machines, telephones, electronic notebooks, calculators, electrical and electronic typewriters

- Entertainment electronics: Radio and televisions, video recorders hi-fi systems, musical instruments

- Toys, sport and leisure equipment: Electric railway sets or race tracks, video game consoles, electrical sports equipment

- Small domestic devices: Vacuum cleaners, irons, toasters, fryers, coffee machines, electric knives, hair cutters, shavers, electric toothbrushes, alarm clocks, clocks, scales

- Electrical and electronic tools - with the exception of fixed, large industrial tools: e.g. devices for turning, milling, grinding, chopping, sawing, cutting, perforating, stamping, chamfering, bending, electric lawnmowers and other garden equipment.

- Lights: Lights for fluorescent lights (with the exception of lights in homes), rod fluorescent lights, (neon tubes), compact fluorescent lights, (energy-saving lights), discharge lamps including high pressure sodium discharge lamps and metal discharge lamps, low pressure sodium discharge lamps, other light fixtures or devices for the propagation or control of light with the exception of light bulbs and domestic lighting

Information:
Also consult our waste management flyer, which contains even more details.

A special rule exists for refrigerators and mobile air conditioners!

Collection twice a year only after advance booking by telephone, Tel.: 09221/707-100 (approx. 2 weeks before date; dates still to be announced) or delivery to the permanent collection site: Schmidt-Hofmann, Rugendorf, industrial estate, Industriestr. 5; Mon – Thu, 08.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 17.00; Fri 08.00 - 12.00.
Examples:

- **Stationary powered plant and appliances**
  (Boilers, stationary air conditioners, manufacturing robots, large computers)
- **private scrap metal trade**
- **Installation material**
  (Switches, distributors, sockets, relays)
- **Residual waste**
- **Electronic circuit components**
  (resistors, capacitors, coils, transistors)
- **private scrap metal trade/residual waste**
- **Appliances that do not lose their primary function without power**
  (furniture with lighting)
- **Bulky refuse**
- **Household lights**
  (lounge, standing, wall lights)
- **Bulky refuse**
- **Devices with another primary energy and additional**
  **electrical equipment**
  (Petrol-driven lawnmower with electrical starter)
- **Scrap metal collection in district**
- **Implants**
  (e.g. pacemakers), infectious (e.g. blood sugar measuring devices), dirty, revolting things
- **Residual waste (packed)**
- **All types of vehicles**
  (e.g. cars, car radios, car accessories, boats, fork-lift loaders)
- **private scrap metal trade**
- ** Batteries**
  ➔ **Return at every sales point**
- **Printer cartridges**
  ➔ **Return to trade outlet, Collection at waste consultancy department**
- **CDs, CD-ROMs**
  ➔ **Collection at waste consultancy department**
- **Telephone cards, credit cards**
  ➔ **Residual waste**

For night storage heaters please contact the waste consultancy department!

The trade outlets or the shops belonging to the electronics trade association are not obliged to accept or collect old appliances without charge. Many electrical appliance shops do offer this service, however. Therefore, please ask when buying a new device or agree a cost-free collection of the old device.

For **non-private** points where waste occurs:

**industry, trade, commerce**

the electric appliance act has the following effect:

1. There is likewise no obligation to accept old electrical and electronic devices.
2. Domestic-type devices covered by the act can also be handed in **household quantities free of charge** to INTEGRA, Gummistraße 17, Kulmbach.
3. Consult the district office concerning the delivery of **substantial amounts** of household-type devices
   **Telephone:** (09221 / 707 -199, -151, -109)
4. For devices covered by the act, that, however, do not usually occur in private households
   (e.g. large computers, stationary tools etc.)

- The **owner** of the device must dispose of it at his own cost if it was placed on the market before 23 March 2006.
- The **manufacturer** of the device must dispose of the device at its own cost if it was placed on the market after the 23 March 2006. Nevertheless, in the bring system, the manufacturer is to be contacted to ascertain the location of the collection points.
Scrap metal and large domestic appliance waste

In contrast to the bulky refuse collection, which has only been carried out with prior notification since 2001, the district office of Kulmbach continues to carry out the collection of scrap metal and large domestic devices in the form of a street collection once a year at fixed times!

This means that no prior notification is required for this waste!

Large domestic appliances must be handed in to the municipal collections in accordance with the electrical appliance law since 24 March 2006. Disposal via the scrap trade or the making available as part of private scrap metal collections is no longer permitted.

These devices can be handed in all year round at the INTEGRA, Gummistraße 17, Kulmbach.

What do you need to know about collection?

- The scrap metal and the large domestic appliances must be ready for collection at 06.00 on the day of collection.

- The objects are only permitted to be a maximum of 2 metres in length and weigh 50 kg.

- Small metal objects (up to pan size) are also permitted to be disposed of via the aluminium tinplate container, but under no circumstances larger articles!

- Excluded from scrap metal collection are waste from conversion, modernisation or renovation work such as bath tubs, balcony balustrades, guttering, radiators, metal doors, oil-fired boilers, oil tanks or similar, and motor vehicles, vehicle parts or agricultural equipment

- Please note who collects the scrap metal. Private disposers frequently carry out scrap metal collections. The district office is not in this instance responsible for any waste left behind!

Scrap metal includes:

Examples:

- Aluminium ladders, baking trays, bed frames, frying pans, cycles (without rubber tyres), garden chairs, go-karts, shelves, slides, shovels (without wooden handle), typewriters, sinks (without work surface), tables, trolleys, bird houses, curtain rails, clothes horses, woks, tent rods

Large domestic appliances include:

Examples:

- Irons, baking ovens, steam cookers, convectors, microwaves, distribution boxes, rapid heaters, warm water devices, spin dryers, washing dryers.
All information on the waste can be obtained from us - we would be glad to help should you have unanswered questions!

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