

# Disposing of organic waste

**The right way to dispose  
of organic waste.**



## Less garbage, more money and energy

About 30 % of organic waste still ends up in trash bags, which means it gets incinerated - unnecessarily. When you collect your organic waste separately, you reduce the amount of trash that you have to pay for. You also help out the environment – because the bio-power plant uses your organic waste to produce biogas and compost.

## How should I dispose of my organic waste?

Garden, kitchen and food waste are collected separately on Tuesdays in the municipality of Reinach. From the beginning of April through to the end of November, the collection takes place every week; from the beginning of December through to the end of March, it is collected every second week. You will find the dates in our Waste Removal Calendar.

**Garden waste** can be put out in re-usable containers (buckets, everbags, organic waste containers) or in a bundle max. 1.5 m long and 70 cm in diameter, max. weight 10 kg – no loose material (up to a maximum volume of 5m<sup>3</sup> per collection). For reasons of hygiene, a separate organic waste container is required for **the disposal of kitchen and food waste**. These standardized containers must be suitable

- for emptying by the trash disposal vehicles (mounted with tipping device)
- with a height of at least 94 cm and they must have wheels
- they must be robust, of high quality and ideally, they should be green
- and must have your name and street/house number written on them in clearly visible script

Kitchen waste can be thrown directly into the organic waste container or collected in a compostable bag – no plastic bags! You are not allowed to put out full compostable bags or small containers individually for collection.

Waste containers are available in the following four sizes	80 litres	140 litres	240 litres	770 litres
<b>Container details</b>				
Max. filling weight	40 kg	50 kg	90 kg	300 kg
Floor space required	0.4 m <sup>2</sup>	0,4 m <sup>2</sup>	0,7 m <sup>2</sup>	1,7 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Purchasing a container</b> (direct from Saxer AG, 061 332 00 22)				
Regular price from Saxer AG	CHF 70	CHF 80	CHF 100	CHF 500



## What is allowed in the organic waste collection?

Only the organic refuse listed in the table below is allowed to be put out for the collection. Containers with forbidden content (plastic bags) will not be emptied.

- Fruit, salad, vegetables
- Cut flowers, leaves, bushes and grass cuttings
- Bread and pasta
- Sausage, meat, fish, bones
- Coffee grinds and tea leaves (with filter/teabag)
- Eggs including -shells and -cartons
- Grains and pulses
- Potato products (French fries, crisps, mashed potato)
- Milk products (cheese, milk, cream yoghurt, butter)
- Desserts (chocolate, cake, cookies, jam)
- Flour, sugar, small quantities of salt
- Cooking fats/all kinds of sauces
- Litter of rabbit, hamster cages
- Earth from flower pots



- Plastic rubbish bags
- Packing from foodstuffs and packed foodstuffs
- Tea and coffee capsules
- Cigarettes and contents of ashtrays
- Plant pots and/or trays, cut flowers with support wires
- Sanitary products, nappies
- Dust and vacuum cleaner bags
- Fertilizers und fertilizer bags
- Cat litter (cat tray) and faeces
- Hair from hairdressing salons
- Medication
- Detergents and disinfectants, paints and varnishes and solvents
- gravel, stone and sand
- Glass, PET, metal, alu, wood, paper, cardboard, gravel, stone, sand, textiles, mineral oils, batteries, ash
- Animal carcasses and slaughterhouse
- expanded clay



## What happens to the organic waste?

The bio-power plant in Pratteln produces compost and biogas from your organic waste, in a closed system. In order for the production of biogas and compost to run as smoothly as possible, it is important that the organic waste does not contain any foreign matter. The compost promotes new plant growth and thus completes the cycle of natural matter. The biogas is fed into the gas grid of the IWB and can be used for heating, cooking and powering vehicles. It is true that CO<sub>2</sub> is released when this natural gas is combusted, but only as much as the plants absorbed from the atmosphere when they were growing. So biogas is CO<sub>2</sub> neutral. 1 kg organic waste produces enough biogas to drive 1.2 km with your car or enough electricity to watch TV for 2 hours.

## Things to bear in mind when collecting and putting out the organic waste:

- Rinse out your organic waste container regularly with cold water.
- You are only allowed to use compostable bin bags/collection bags. You can buy them in specialist stores.
- Tip: mop up sauces and dripping food waste with absorbent kitchen paper and dispose of it in your organic waste container.
- Meat and fish waste starts to smell badly very quickly. Only throw it away in the organic waste container shortly before it will be emptied or put it in compostable bags or sprinkle some rock flour over it.
- Make sure the lid of the organic waste container is always closed properly.
- Keep the container in a place that is as cool and shady as possible. In the winter months you should keep it somewhere that is protected from freezing temperatures (e.g. carport, garage, etc.). This will prevent moist organic waste from freezing.
- Avoid the use of pesticides. They are not suitable for use in an organic waste container and may be detrimental to people's health.
- Pay attention to the maximum filling volumes. Overfilling the container might damage it.
- Mop up used frying fat with kitchen paper and dispose of it in your organic waste container.

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