



### How to recycle in Freiburg

In Freiburg, recycling is generally done using a system of colored bins and community collection points. Household waste is typically sorted into a blue bin for paper and cardboard, a yellow or orange bin for plastic and metal packaging with the *Grüner Punkt* logo, a brown bin for bio waste, and a grey bin for non-recyclable trash. Glass containers are also recycled separately by color in designated community bins.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

#### 1. Blue Bin (blaue Tonne):

- For paper and cardboard waste.
- Flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the bin.
- No plastic bags allowed in the blue bin.

#### 2. Yellow/Orange Bin (Wertstofftonne):

- For plastic and metal containers, including those with the Grüner Punkt logo.
- Items with the Grüner Punkt symbol indicate the manufacturer has paid for recycling.

#### 3. Brown Bin (Biomüll):

- For biodegradable waste like food scraps and garden waste.
- Use paper bags, not plastic or biodegradable bags.

#### 4. Grey Bin (Restmüll):

- For any waste that cannot be recycled.

#### 5. Glass Recycling (Glasiglus):

- Community bins for glass containers, sorted by color (brown for brown glass, green for green/red/blue glass, and white for transparent glass).
- Some communities do not require cleaning glass containers before recycling.

#### 6. Deposit System (Pfandsystem):

- For certain types of reusable bottles (beer, mineral water, etc.), there is a deposit that is returned when the bottle is returned to a designated station.

#### 7. Community Collection Points:

- Freiburg has numerous community collection points for recycling, including glass bins, textile bins, and other specialized bins for specific materials.

#### 8. Waste Calendar:

- Residents receive a waste calendar outlining collection schedules for different types of waste.

More information available here: [https://www.abfallwirtschaft-freiburg.de/de/private\\_haushalte/wertstoffsammlung.php](https://www.abfallwirtschaft-freiburg.de/de/private_haushalte/wertstoffsammlung.php)