Household waste sorting guide
Household waste point

**Combustible waste**

Small quantities go in your own waste container (size per piece: 1m x 1m), large quantities should be taken to the waste processing centre or recycling centre.

- unusable textiles, clothing and shoes
- card and giftwrap
- polystyrene, polyurethane, foam plastic and plastic sheeting
- fireplace ashes and cigarette stubs, completely cooled and packed tightly in a sealed bag
- dry pet waste (cat litter, sawdust, etc.) packed tightly in a sealed bag
- small pieces of mirror and glass, and porcelain and ceramic containers
- plastic packaging, if there is no plastic collection point in your area
- plastic buckets, cans, toys, etc.
- light bulbs

Please do not ever put metal and electronic waste, glass waste, or hazardous waste such as batteries or fluorescent light bulbs in the household waste.

Find the right place for your waste using the waste search function on our website: www.vestia.fi

**Biowaste**

Put biowaste in a composter or biowaste container.

- leftover food
- expired food
- fruit and vegetable peel
- coffee grounds and tealeaves with filters, teabags without metal
- small amounts of kitchen paper and serviettes

Please sort biowaste into brown Bioska+ or Kotikomposti bags, bags made out of newspaper, windowless envelopes, or empty flour or paper bags.
Hazardous waste **ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE!**

Hazardous waste should not be stored unnecessarily at home. Take hazardous waste to the recycling centre or sorting centre as often as possible. If you suspect that your waste is hazardous to people or the environment, always take it to a hazardous waste collection point!

- batteries and rechargeable batteries
- fluorescent lamps and energy-saving lights
- paints, varnishes and glues
- aerosol cans (containing aerosol, e.g. hairspray and deodorant bottles)
- cosmetics (e.g. perming products, nail varnish and nail varnish remover)
- waste oil (batches in excess of 200l are collected from your home, for more information please see: www.vestia.fi)
- oil filters, oily rags and cleaning waste
- coolant and brake fluids
- solvents e.g. turpentine, thinner, acetone
- repellents
- acids and bases
- medicines

Waste electrical and electronic equipment **ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE!**

You can take waste electric and electronic equipment to the recycling centre or our waste processing centre free of charge. Broken or decommissioned devices are also accepted at most stores that sell appliances.

- devices with a plug or battery
- LED lights

Furniture

- sofas
- mattresses
- armchairs

97% of all waste is recycled into industrial raw materials or energy!
Recycling centres and the Ylivieska waste processing centre

**Construction waste**
Construction waste should be sorted into a load at home so that it is easy to unload at the recycling centre.

**asbestos**
Must be carefully and separately packed and taken to our waste centre.

**heating insulation**
- glass and mineral wool

**metal**
- sheeting
- metal waste from reinforcements

**combustible waste**
(max. size of piece 1 m x 1 m)
- polystyrene
- plastic packaging materials
- laminates
- eco-wool
- swept waste
- urethane boards

**roofing felt**

**gypsum**
- gypsum boards and pieces of them, e.g. Gyproc

**impregnated wood**
- impregnated wood
- decking boards

**wood**
- wooden frames and structures
- chipboard, plywood
- painted and coataed wood, e.g.

**PVC plastic**
- construction pipes, plastic mats, vinyl boards

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**Metal**
- empty aerosol and paint cans
- bicycle frames
- all types of metal
- metal items
- spent casings *(take unused casings to a police station)*

**Order a skip for construction waste from us!**

**Garden waste**
- tree and bush leaves
- branches and twigs
- raked waste

**Car tyres are recycled at tyre stores!**

**Tree stumps are not classed as garden waste!**

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Eco points and housing companies’ separate waste collection

**Recycling paper**
- newspapers and magazines
- envelopes
- advertisements
- books, with the covers detached (covers are combustible waste)
- photocopying paper

**Glass packaging**
- empty glass jars and bottles (cap rings do not need to be removed)

**Small metal**
- food tins
- small metal items (e.g. pans, saucepans, nails)
- aluminium foil and trays
- non-recyclable cans
- empty tins of paint
- aluminium tealight cases
- empty aerosol cans

**Cardboard packaging**
- cardboard packaging
- liquid packages and cartons (including those with a plastic cork)
- kraft paper and paper bags, etc.

**Plastic packaging**
- clean plastic packaging
- Rinki Oy accepts plastic packaging at some ecopoints
- Check the points at: www.kierrätys.info

Do not put card, cardboard, tissue paper, brown paper, paper bags, giftwrap or dirty and wet paper in the paper collection container!

Do not put porcelain, ceramics, window, mirror or laminated glass, energy-saving bulbs, medicine measuring cups or heat-resistant glass in the glass packaging collection container!

Do not put electrical and electronic devices in the small metal recycling!

Do not put dirty or wet card or plastic in the cardboard packaging container!

You can find all of the recycling stations easily on the kierrätys.info website!
Contact us

Ylivieska waste processing centre

The Ylivieska waste processing centre accepts waste produced by households and companies. The sorting centre and heavy-duty weighing station are available to customers bringing small loads in cars or vans on weekdays from 8-17. In May and October, the waste processing centre is also open on Saturdays. Our customer service and invoicing departments are open on weekdays from 8-15.30.

Recycling stations

Recycling stations accept occasional household waste in 14 different owner-municipalities. The maximum waste load is a passenger car trailer (approx. 3m³). You can find our branches’ up-to-date opening hours at: www.vestia.fi.

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Recycling days

Twice per year, in spring and autumn, we bring recycling station services to four municipalities with no permanent recycling station. The recycling days are organised in the following municipalities: ALAVIESKA, KESTILÄ, MERIJÄRVI and PIIPPOLA.