

The following refuse and items are to be returned

Return to points of sale



Retailers are obliged to take back **PET drinking bottles, aluminium beverage cans, rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries**, solvents as well as all kinds of electronic electric appliances. Shops are only obliged to take back these items if they sell goods of the category concerned. You can take these items to a shop whether you bought them there or not and you are not obliged to buy anything new there.

Collection points for hazardous waste



Several pharmacies/chemists or specialist shops and recycling parks accept **hazardous waste** in small quantities free of charge. Locations in your vicinity and information about maximum quantities can be found on the refuse collection plan or on the internet at: www.aue.bs.ch/a-z.

Clothing, shoes, textiles



Clothing, shoes and textiles are regularly collected by private collection organizations. For this, use the bags that you will find in your letter box in advance. The necessary information and the date of collection are printed on the bags. You also have the possibility of using clothing containers. You will find their locations at: www.aue.bs.ch/textilien

Used goods shops, second-hand shops and building components exchange



There are a large number of used goods shops, second-hand shops and a building components exchange in Basel, which gladly accept **usable items**. More information and locations can be found at: www.aue.bs.ch/a-z.

Information



Dräggwägg-App



Using this free App (available in English and German) you will never miss the refuse collection again. The app reminds you of collection dates and times and tells you where and how to dispose of your refuse.

Street map

At map.geo.bs.ch you can view all the recycling stations and collection points for rubbish.

By clicking on the symbol, desired details such as address, opening times and the kind of rubbish that can be disposed of are displayed.

Stadtreinigung und Abfallentsorgung:

Disposal, recycling and street cleaning as well as waste management for firms

Cleanliness hotline 061 267 10 00: The hotline answers all your questions about refuse. Collection of bulky goods and compost can be arranged over the hotline.

Monday – Friday 8:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 17:00 / Friday till 16:00, Email: info.stadtreinigung@bs.ch, www.tiefbauamt.bs.ch/stadtreinigung

Amt für Umwelt und Energie:

Licences, permits, training courses and monitoring in the waste sector

Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 17:00, Spiegelgasse 15, 4051 Basel, Tel. 061 267 08 00, Email: aue@bs.ch, www.aue.bs.ch

Kundenzentrum Spiegelhof:

Frequently requested information and services of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

Monday – Friday: 9:00 – 17:30, Wednesday till 18:30, Spiegelgasse 6 to 12, 4001 Basel, Tel. 061 267 70 60, Fax 061 267 70 80, Email: bdm@jsd.bs.ch, www.bdm.bs.ch

Stadtgärtnerei und Friedhöfe, Kompostberatung (compost consulting service):

Helpdesk and information on the topic of composting

Monday: 14:00 – 16:00, Tuesday: 9:00 – 12:00, Münsterplatz 10, Postfach, 4001 Basel, Tel. 061 605 21 13, Email: kompostberatung@bs.ch, www.stadtgaertnerei.bs.ch

Touring the waste incineration plant (KVA):

What path do your rubbish sacks actually take? Rubbish does not dissolve into thin air – an impressive tour through the KVA shows this. Who may take part: Groups from 8 persons (duration 2 or 3 hours) booking and information: www.linie-e.ch.

Littering:

Throwing away rubbish or leaving it lying around is prohibited and subject to a fine of CHF 100.00.

Illegal dumping:

Illegal dumping of any kind of waste on public property is prohibited and subject to charges or to a minimum fine of CHF 200.00.



Refuse disposal in Basel

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A warm welcome to Basel!

This leaflet will give you an overview of how refuse disposal functions in Basel.

Sooner or later every consumer product becomes waste material. Responsible behaviour can help us try to avoid waste. It is clear: Refuse which does not come into existence cannot burden the environment. Waste cannot always be avoided. In this case, local recycling is best or, as a final option, refuse can be disposed of in a way compatible with the environment.

The polluter pays principle, which applies to the whole of Switzerland, creates an incentive for careful handling of our resources. The consumer who produces waste is expected to pay the costs of recycling or disposal in an environmentally compatible way. Either the consumer pays the recycling costs with an advance disposal fee when purchasing the product, or pays directly for the disposal, as is the case with the Basel rubbish bag, the so-called "Bebbi-Sack".

We would like to help you prepare your refuse and recyclable material, and show you where it can be disposed of. With the right disposal, you can do your bit to maintain a city that is worth living in, and to help keep costs for refuse disposal and waste collection fees low.

Thank you for your effort.

The following refuse is collected

Refuse collection plan

Each year every household receives a refuse collection plan, which is also given to newcomers. It contains the collection dates for the various kinds of waste and recyclable materials. The refuse collection plan also contains information about how the refuse must be readied for collection.

Household rubbish



Household rubbish in Basel may only be deposited in the official light-blue Bebbi sacks, in containers which are only for the collection of Bebbi sacks, or in special containers, which charge according to the weight of the refuse (WIGA containers).

Bebbi sacks can be obtained from retailers over the counter in rolls of ten bags each and in four sizes (10, 17, 35 and 60 litres). No more than 20 kg of waste may be disposed of per bag.

Paper/cardboard



Paper and cardboard must be bundled with string separately. Please do not use adhesive tape or carrier bags.

Valid for household rubbish, bulky trash, non-inflammable waste materials, paper, cardboard and compost: In every case deposit the rubbish after 19:00 the evening before, or at the latest before 7:00 on collection day, whatever the weather, clearly visible at the roadside. Depositing rubbish at other times is subject to a fine of CHF 50.00.

Bulky goods



Bulky goods, non-inflammable rubbish and garden refuse must be provided with an adequate number of fee vignettes and deposited clearly visible at the roadside. For some of these items to be collected they have to be registered via our cleanliness hotline or the internet. Details can be found on the refuse collection plan.

www.tiefbauamt.bs.ch/stadtreinigung

If the refuse has not been registered or if the refuse deposited contains foreign matter (for example, Styrofoam in garden refuse), it will not be collected. If there are not enough fee vignettes, the refuse is considered as illegal dumping, and it will not be collected.

Fee vignettes

Bulky goods vignettes

For the disposal of bulky goods and non-inflammable refuse (ceramic, stone, clay, etc.) fee vignettes are necessary; you can obtain them over the counter at a retailer's. The refuse collection plan contains a list of sales outlets. For each 10 kg of refuse a vignette for CHF 4.50 is required.

Free bulky goods vignettes

The refuse collection plan contains two free bulky goods vignettes per year.

Garden refuse vignettes

For the collection of garden refuse, vignettes are necessary; you can get them over the counter at a retailer's. You can determine the amount needed from the refuse collection plan. It also contains a list of points of sale.

Vegetation refuse

Organic kitchen waste



Composting in your own garden, backyard or on the balcony is actively encouraged by the city. The compost consulting service places advice and material at your disposal free of charge. The compost consulting service also supplies information about the use and locations of neighbourhood composting centres.

Compost consulting service and composting courses

The compost consulting service shows you how to make compost on site, in your backyard, on your balcony or in your garden. It also places material and tools at your disposal free of charge.

Contact: Compost consulting service, Tel. 061 605 21 13
Monday: 14:00–16:00, Tuesday 9:00–12:00 or kompostberatung@bs.ch

Chaff cutting service

Tree and shrub cuttings can be shredded on site and then composted. 1 m³ is free per house entrance. The dates of the cutting service and information on booking are in the refuse collection plan.

Garden refuse, tree and shrub cuttings, balcony plants



Vegetation refuse constitutes valuable structural material for the compost in your own garden or backyard. Use the chaff cutting service for this. If this isn't possible, dispose of your vegetation refuse for a charge with the vegetation collection service.

Recycling

Recycling stations



In Basel there are around 50 recycling stations where you can dispose of bottle glass, aluminium, tin, batteries and rechargeable batteries from 7:00 to 20:00 Monday to Saturday free of charge.

Recycling parks

In the recycling parks you can conveniently dispose of most refuse and recyclable materials in one place. Certain refuse is subject to a charge.

There is one recycling park in Basel:

Lottner AG

Schlachthofstrasse 18
4056 Basel
Tel. 061 386 96 66
www.lottner.ch

Monday–Friday: 6:30–11:45 and
12:45–16:45
Saturday: 8:00–14:45

In addition, there are also two recycling parks near Basel:

SRS Swiss Recycling Services

Kiesstrasse 24–26
4123 Allschwil
Tel. 061 487 21 00

Monday–Friday: 7:30–11:45
and 13:00–17:30
Saturday: 7:00–14:00

Waser Entsorgung AG

Langenhagstrasse 50
4127 Birsfelden
Tel. 061 313 14 14

Monday–Friday: 7:00–12:00 and
13:00–17:00 / Friday until 16:30
(December–February from 7:30)
Saturday: 9:00–13:00