

Tax and sorting out of waste



Each Commune organizes the collection and treatment of waste. Funding for this service involves an urban tax¹ (bins) that varies from one city to another. For example, in Liege, the amount to pay would be €85 / year for a single person and €140 for a household. Please note that this tax is due on the 1st of January of the current year: if I move, I still remain admissible at the Commune of my former place of residence.

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Each household is required to sort its waste out as directed by the Commune. **Sorting out of waste is compulsory.** Its non-compliance can result in fines.

Most of the time, sorting out is organized as follows:

A color bag or a garbage can with a chip is intended for the household waste that cannot be recycled. The bags are collected each week on a schedule provided by the Commune.



A bag of another color is for PMC (Plastics, Metals, Drinks cartons): you throw into it the packaging and plastic bottles, tins, cans, cosmetic and food aerosols, beverage cartons (also called brick packs)... Do not throw into it anything else under the penalty that it will not be collected. The bags are collected on a regular basis according to a schedule provided by the Commune. Please note that, depending on where I live, some plastic or metal objects cannot be disposed of in the PMC bag! When in doubt, I refer to the drawings and explanations printed on the PMC bag.



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¹ For the lowest income, an exemption request may be submitted.



Paper and cardboard must be kept separate. They are compacted and tied or stacked in a carton. Paper is also collected weekly according to the schedule provided by the Commune.



Bulky items cannot be thrown in the trash. A special pick-up is scheduled once a month or at the request number specified by the Commune: bulky items, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses ... cannot be deposited on the public highway other than on the collection day. Please note: appliances, TV, stereo, video and construction waste are not allowed: they must be deposited in a container yard.



The **glasses** should be placed in the bottle banks found on the public highway: jars, bottles and small bottles should be thrown empty and clean, white and colored glasses separately.



In some cities they collect garbage at residence.

In some Communes, when I pay my city tax, I get vouchers to change them for trash bags. When I have exhausted my stock of bags, I can buy them in supermarkets and other outlets. In other Communes, there is a smart container system. My city tax allows me a certain number of free pickups: beyond this quota, I pay the excess weight. There are other solutions to minimize household waste. The objective is indeed to encourage people to produce as little waste as possible.