

## Organic waste leaflet

### **Where is the best place for me to put the organic waste bin?**

The organic waste bin should never be placed in direct sunlight, but found a place in the shade. In this way, unpleasant odours can be avoided.

### **How do I collect organic waste?**

Organic waste should always be wrapped up in newspaper. Newspaper (not magazines or glossy brochures) and also egg cartons, kitchen roll or serviettes, help to soak up any excess liquids. Such materials can be thrown into the organic waste bin together with the organic waste. They will be converted into valuable compost at the composting plant. Biodegradable paper bags for the pre-sorting container and the organic waste bin are obtainable commercially, as well as at the recycling centres.

Never pack organic waste into plastic bags! Not even if they are labelled "biodegradable".

### **What do I do with the organic waste bin when it is very hot outside?**

Place the organic waste bin in the shade. Ensure that sufficient air can circulate through the organic waste: Simply throw small twigs and branches from your garden or crumpled up daily newspapers and kitchen roll or cardboard boxes in among the organic waste. This prevents the waste in the organic waste bin from beginning to decay and being overrun with pests. Should there nonetheless be problems with pests, calcium cyanamide (available at garden centres) helps. Never tip liquids, such as soup or sauces, into the organic waste bin!

### **What do I do about the organic waste bin in winter?**

In winter it is also "frosty" for the organic waste bin. The organic waste can freeze, and no longer fall out when the organic waste bin is emptied. You can help the situation by throwing crumpled up newspapers into the organic waste bin. The paper sucks up the liquids and prevents the organic waste from freezing over on the base of the bin. It would be best if you could find a frost-free location for your organic waste bin, for example in the garage.

### **How do I clean the organic waste bin?**

If necessary, please clean the organic waste bin with clear water. Cleaning agents are unnecessary and unsuitable for this purpose, as they are often not fully decomposed during composting. After cleaning, please leave the bin to stand there with the lid off, to dry out.

**The following items may be put in the organic waste bin:**

**Biodegradable kitchen waste:**

Potato peelings, fruit peelings (also from citrus fruit), vegetable and salad waste, eggshells, left-over food, small bones, fish bones, leftovers of meat, bread and kitchen waste, coffee filters, tea bags, decayed food (without packaging).

**Garden waste:**

Twigs, cut grass, foliage, weeds, plant remains, roots, fallen fruit (also fruit that has gone mouldy).

**Other waste:**

Wilted flowers, pot plants, balcony plants with earth, hairs, feathers, kitchen roll, egg cartons, paper serviettes, sawdust and woodwool from untreated wood, fruit and sandwich bags made of paper, small quantities of newspaper for wrapping up kitchen waste.

**The following items may not be put in the organic waste bin:**

Plants with **fire-blight infestation** may NOT be placed in the organic waste bin.

**Residual waste:**

Cigarette stubs, ash, nappies, sanitary towels, composite material, cotton wool, vacuum cleaner bags, street sweepings, leather, carpets, stones, textiles, plastic bags (also applies to "biodegradable" plastic bags), paper tissues from medical practices, paper handkerchiefs, etc.

**Recyclable waste:**

Sales packaging from plastic (beakers, foil, plastic bags and plastic bottles)  
Composite materials (milk and fruit juice packaging)  
Metals (drinks can, aluminium dishes, food cans)  
Glass (bottles)  
Paper (clean paper, paperboard, etc.)

**Problematic materials:**

(need to be taken to the hazardous waste collection)  
Chemicals/toxins, liquid paints, varnishes, disinfectants, solvents, pesticides, cleaning agents, waste oil (back to the dealer), batteries (back to the retail store, electrical store, recycling centres).

**Please note:**

Restaurants, canteens, snack bars, etc. may only place raw fruit and vegetable waste in the organic waste bin. You are obliged to use a leftovers bin. (See extra leaflet.)

Information for users of commercial organic waste bins and leftovers bins can be obtained from the commercial service centre at Tel.: +49(0)7452 6006 – 7050.