



Waste collection

A long tradition of waste collection



By law, the collection and treatment of residual waste in Vienna is the responsibility of the City of Vienna and thus Municipal Department 48 (MA 48). Apart from certain exceptions, all properties located within the city are included in the public waste collection system. The owners of these properties are entitled and obliged to have the waste generated on their property collected by the public waste collection service. Properties used exclusively for commercial purposes can be exempted from this obligation.

WASTE VOLUME

The waste collection service collects approx. 740,000 tonnes of waste annually.

SEPARATE COLLECTION

Approximately 230,000 collection containers are available for the separate collection of recyclables (waste paper, glass, lightweight packaging) and biogenic waste. They are located both on private properties and at public recycling points. Businesses can also request containers for plastic film and kitchen waste.

The waste collection centres accept recyclables as well as hazardous waste (e.g. batteries, varnishes, etc.), bulky waste, electronic waste, and many other waste fractions. Usable items that are in good repair are collected in the "48er-Tandler-Box".

COLLECTION ON PROPERTIES

Residual waste collection containers are only provided directly on properties. The number of containers needed is based on the waste volume generated, which is calculated based on the number of housing units. In accordance with the legally mandated minimum of a once-weekly collection, the largest possible container is used in each case. The waste collection fee is charged per quarter and based on container volume and collection interval for residual waste.

Recycling and organic waste containers are free. Containers for recyclables are only provided directly on properties if they exceed a certain number of housing units to ensure that their capacity is used fully. Properties with a garden or other green spaces are provided with a collection container for organic waste free of charge.

WASTE ROOMS AND CONTAINER LOCATIONS

In accordance with the law, waste must be collected and disposed of directly on the property where it is generated. Waste collection therefore needs to be considered early in the planning phase of new buildings. The relevant specifications must be observed during planning.

In order to obtain a building permit, the planned waste rooms or locations for waste collection containers have to be approved by MA 48.

FACTS AND FIGURES

COLLECTION OF WASTE AND RECYCLABLES

Containers:

- 100,000 containers emptied per day
- 460,000 containers of which 230,000 for recyclables
- approx. 4,400 public collection points for recyclables
- 13 waste collection centres
- nearly 100 mobile and fixed hazardous waste collection points

STAFF & VEHICLES

- nearly 1,000 waste collection vehicle workers and drivers
- 300 waste collection vehicles
- volume of collection vehicles: max. 13,000kg

ANNUAL WASTE VOLUME

- 520,000 tonnes household waste
- 100,000 tonnes waste paper
- 35,000 tonnes glass
- 70,000 tonnes organic waste
- 12,000 tonnes plastic bottles/ beverage cartons/cans



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