



Recycling and wastecollection- calendar

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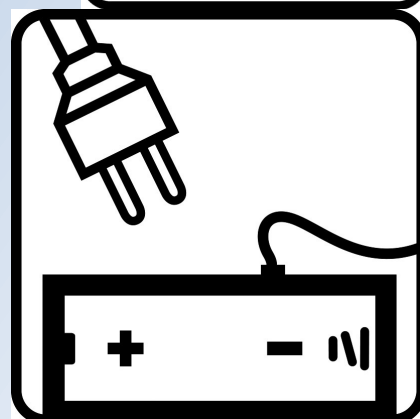
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Avoid, repair, recycle

Manufactured in 5 seconds, used in 5 minutes, littering the countryside as waste for 500 years – this is the typical life-cycle of single-use plastic. Today, over 350 million tons of plastic are produced each year, and this number is still rising. With terrible consequences: every minute, enough plastic to fill a truck enters the oceans, litters beaches and suffocates marine life.

In Switzerland too, waste finds its way into nature: the Swiss use around 1 million items of takeaway packaging a day, and don't always dispose of it correctly. Every year, over 50 tons of plastic waste ends up in Lake Geneva alone, as well as around 1 million shower-gel containers. In addition, plastic is made predominantly with crude oil, thus contributing substantially to climate change.

One thing is clear: waste is created everywhere. In Worben, around 1,200 tons are disposed of or put into the recycling system every year. However, the most environmentally friendly solution is to not produce waste in the first place. With these tips, you can avoid creating waste, spare the environment and even save on waste-disposal fees.

Separate and avoid

The best waste is the kind that isn't produced in the first place, because preparing waste for reuse (by repairing it, for example) and recycling waste also requires energy. Separate out waste and recyclable waste materials such as cans, PET beverage bottles and glass. An important part of waste avoidance is reusing items. This includes returnable packaging systems. Passing things on, gifting them or selling them (second-hand clothes, used cars, etc.) also helps avoid waste. For example, you can avoid waste by putting a "No advertising" sticker on your letterbox or using mains-powered devices rather than battery-powered ones.

Preparing waste for reuse

Once something has become waste, it should be treated in such a way that it can be reused. To this end, products or product components are inspected, cleaned or repaired (e.g. Repair Café Biel/Bienne). These products are thereby prepared in a way that they can be reused for the same purpose they were originally intended for without any further pre-treatment. One example is sorting, cleaning and repairing clothes from collection containers, which can then be donated or otherwise reused after they have been treated.

Recycling

According to the Law on Closed Cycle Management and Waste, the term 'recycling' encompasses any resource-recovery procedure in which waste is processed into products or materials that can be reused for their original purpose or another purpose. Raw materials are thereby returned to the cycle. The reclaiming of raw materials costs energy, and the production of new products sometimes also requires new raw materials. Examples of recycling include products made of recycled waste paper or the so-called bottle-to-bottle recycling of plastic bottles.

"Other utilisation"

This predominantly refers to utilisation as energy – meaning the burning of waste to generate electricity and heat.

Waste elimination

Waste may only be eliminated when none of the four other options can be applied. Left-over substances such as toxic dust from filtration systems must be stored as waste slated for elimination in well-secured, permanent, predominantly subterranean storage facilities. Such facilities must be equipped with safety features to prevent toxic seepage contaminating the earth and groundwater.

With these simple tips, you can help protect the environment in your daily life.



Mixed-waste collection point

The following materials can be disposed of at the mixed-waste collection point

What?	How?
Glass	• Glass separated by colour • Remove foreign materials beforehand (e.g. lids, corks, etc.) • No PET bottles • Window glass see Porcelain/Clay
Waste oil	• Cooking oil and engine oil: please keep strictly separate • Do not pour down the drain!
Tin / Aluminium foil	• Cleaned and pressed flat, paper label removed • Pure and clean aluminium only • Remove foreign materials beforehand (no food pouches)
Household batteries, button cells	Loose and clean
Energy-saving bulbs, fluorescent tubes, LEDs	Intact
Electrical waste	• Office, telecommunications and IT equipment, consumer electronics, small household appliances, etc. • No large household appliances (e.g. fridges, etc.) Disposal at e.g. Edi Lyss, Sortec Aarberg, etc.
Paper	• No plastics or synthetics • No paper carrier bags
Cardboard	• Pressed flat, cut open and folded • Remove plastic and sticky tape • No plastic-lined cardboard (e.g. Tetra Pak) • No packaging or filler material (e.g. Sagex)
Metal / Iron	• Pure metal and/or iron • No synthetics (e.g. bicycles without tyres, saddle, etc.)
Car batteries	• Clean • Non-defective
PET beverage bottles	• Press flat before disposal • No oil, vinegar, milk or shampoo bottles
Textiles/ Shoes	• In specially marked plastic bags from charities or in clean waste bags. • Shoes tied together by the pair in plastic bags.
Nespresso capsules / tea capsules	Loose in the designated container
Porcelain / Clay	• Window glass • Clean, with foreign materials removed • No plastic containers
Plastic	• Oil, vinegar, milk or shampoo bottles, Tetra Pak, etc. (additional info at www.worben.ch) • To be disposed of exclusively in plastic collection bag



Mixed-waste collection point

Plastics collection

In Switzerland, each person consumes around 125 kg of plastic per year, 45 kg of which is packaging. 80% of this still ends up in the trash and is incinerated, even though plastic is a valuable raw material. Thanks to modern technology, it can be recycled, saving energy and reducing crude oil consumption.

The appropriate collection bags are available from the Worben municipal office.

Sales point for plastic collection bags	Worben Communal Chancellery
Cost of 17L collection bag (1 roll of 10 bags)	Fr. 10.00
Cost of 35L collection bag (1 roll of 10 bags)	Fr. 19.00
Cost of 60L collection bag (1 roll of 10 bags)	Fr. 32.00

What belongs in the plastic collection bag?

- Foils of any kind: carrier bags, shopping bags, newspaper wrappers and shrink-wrap, packaging foil, etc.
- All plastic bottles: drinks, oil, vinegar, shampoo, cleaning products, detergent
- Moulded containers: Egg and biscuit packaging, meat trays
- Buckets, flower pots, tubs, yoghurt cartons
- Food packaging for charcuterie, cheese, etc.
- Tetra Pak

What still belongs in the waste bag?

- Toys, garden hoses or similar
- Heavily soiled packaging of barbecue foods (marinade)
- Packaging with remnants of the original contents

With the plastic collection bag, plastic waste can be collected separately instead of throwing it in the household waste bag. This reduces household waste and spares the environment and our natural resources.

OPENING TIMES - MIXED-WASTE COLLECTION POINT Hauptstrasse 19, 3252 Worben

Monday:	08 am - 12 pm	closed
Tuesday:	closed	1.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday:	closed	closed
Thursday:	closed	closed
Friday:	08 am - 12 pm	closed
Saturday:	08 am - 12 pm	

Closed on Sunday and public holidays.

Disposing of waste materials anywhere other than the mixed-waste collection point is prohibited by law.



Household waste and bulky items

This waste can be put out for collection

What?	How?	When / Where?
Household waste	- In Müve bags or in bags featuring the designated toll stickers. - Container fees are only paid by commercial and industrial enterprises. - Containers for apartment buildings must only be filled with refuse bags on which a charge has been paid.	Every Friday Start of collection from 7.15 am Owing to potential damage by animals, it is only permitted to put waste out on the day of collection.
Small bulky items	- Max. weight 18kg - Labelled with requisite Müve toll stickers.	Every Friday Start of collection from 7.15 am Owing to potential damage by animals, it is only permitted to put waste out on the day of collection.
Bulky items		Müve AG, CH-2503 Biel or bulky-item collection provided by the municipality of Worben The collection of bulky items takes place in October each year. Please see the information in the brochure for details.

If the collection days fall on a public holiday, the postponement dates will be published in the Amtsanzeiger Aarberg gazette and on the homepage of the Worben municipal administration.

SMALL BULKY ITEMS AND BULKY ITEMS

Bulky items must be labelled with the requisite number of Müve toll stickers and put out for regular

The following applies for all items:

- Up to 2 chairs
- Night stand
- Wall cabinet, per door section
- Cardboard box up to max. 50 x 50 x 50 cm
- Cardboard box up to max. 100 x 50 x 50 cm
- Bedframe
- Rolled-up carpet, max. roll width 1.5 m
- Mattress, single / double
- Futon sofa, single / double
- 1-seat armchair
- Sofa, per seat
- Skis, per pair

2 toll stickers per 250 L volume

- 1 toll sticker
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Müve toll stickers can be purchased at the following sales points: Cafeteria of Seelandheim Worben, MIGROS and COOP stores, Denner stores and post offices.



Other waste

Other waste can be disposed of as follows

What?	How?	When / Where?
Tyres	When newly purchased	Point of sale or Müve AG, CH-2503 Biel
Stones, building rubble	At own expense	Removal by regional dump-truck operators
Combustible bulky items	At own expense	Brockenstube, Heilsarmee Bern, Müve AG, CH-2503 Biel or put out for regular collection (don't forget the Müve toll stickers)
Medication	In original packaging or clearly labelled	Drug store, pharmacies, doctors
Hazardous waste	In original packaging or in airtight, clearly labelled containers.	Points of sale, pharmacies, drug stores, Edi Entsorgungsdienste AG, CH-3250 Lyss, SOVAG AG, 2555 CH-Brügg A hazardous waste collection takes place every two years in the municipality of Worben. Please see the information in the brochure for details.
Animal carcasses	Small animals can be disposed of for free.	GZM, 3250 Lyss Tel: 032 387 47 87
Large electrical and electronic appliances / Fridges / Construction, gardening or hobby appliances	Because the recycling of these items has already been paid for in advance through recycling fees levied when purchasing new appliances, the appliances listed can be returned for free .	Point of sale or: • Edi, Entsorgungsdienste AG, Industrie-ring 10, Lyss • SOVAG Sonderabfallverwertungs AG, Erlenstrasse 41, Brügg • MÜVE Biel, Portstrasse 40, Biel

These types of waste must never go in the waste bag or down the drain:

Medication, disinfectant, thermometers, barometers, appliances containing quicksilver, solvents, thinners, brush cleaners, paints, varnishes, glazes, wood varnishes, pesticides, cleaning agents, acids, alkalis, photographic chemicals, Tipp-Ex, adhesives, cat litter, etc.

These types of waste must not be burned outdoors, in the fireplace, etc.

Organic waste that creates emissions (e.g. containing toxins, wet material, etc.), construction waste, industrial and commercial waste, municipal waste, hazardous waste, etc.



Organic waste disposal

What?	How?	Whenn / Where?
Compostable waste	• With toll sticker • Compost bin and container or open, weather-proof tubs with handles (max. 18 kg). • Branches and twigs must be bundled up before putting out for collection.	Monday Start of collection from 7.00 am- Please see the collection dates on the website of the municipality of Worben or in the brochure
Free shredding service	• Only for quantities from approx. 0.5 m3 • Branch thickness max. 25 cm • No root balls, stones, earth, clay pots, etc.	2 x per year (March and November) according to advertisement in the brochure

For green waste collections, the following fees apply

Annual toll sticker:	Container up to 60 litres	Fr. 24.85
	Container up to 140 litres	Fr. 59.45
	Container up to 240 litres	Fr. 91.90
	Container up to 360 litres	Fr. 118.90
	Container up to 500 litres	Fr. 145.95
	Container up to 770 litres	Fr. 183.75
Containers that fall between the indicated sizes are charged according to the next-largest container-size		
Daily toll sticker :	For bundled organic waste or individual emptying of tubs and containers CHF 2.15 per unit.	
	Bundled organic waste (per bundle up to 18 kg)	1 toll sticker
	Container up to 60 litres	1 toll sticker
	Container up to 240 litres	2 toll stickers
	Container up to 500 litres	3 toll stickers
	Container up to 770 litres	4 toll stickers
Point of sale Worben:	Daily toll stickers and annual toll stickers can be purchased from Communal Chancellery, Hauptstrasse 19, CH-3252 Worben.	

Green organic waste must be readied for collection in containers up to 770 litres, compost bins or open and weather-proof tubs (max. 18 kg).



What can I put out for organic waste collection?

FROM THE KITCHEN:

- Food waste from vegetables, fruit and nuts
- Egg shells
- Coffee grounds, tea leaves (with filter)

FROM THE GARDEN:

- Weeds without docks, bindweed or thistles
- Organic garden waste
- Branches up to Ø 15 cm, shrubs, hedge trimmings (bundles up to max. 1m / Ø 50 cm)
- Lawn clippings, grass
- Leaves

FROM THE HOUSEHOLD:

- Cut flowers and pot plants (without plastic container)
- Used pot-plant soil
- Spoiled fruit
- Clean sawdust and wood chippings
- No chipboard, etc., no paint, varnishes or waterproofing agents)
- Pet waste (no dog excrement or cat litter)

What can't I put out for organic waste collection?

FROM THE KITCHEN:

- Leftover food, meat, fish, bones, bread, cheese, etc.
- Egg cartons and other packaging material

FROM THE GARDEN:

- Plant remains from cabbage varieties
- Docks, bindweed and thistles
- General sweepings, mud from road drainage channels
- Leaves, grass and branches from motorways and busy main roads
- Stones
- Invasive plant species

FROM THE HOUSEHOLD:

- Glass
- Textiles
- Mineral oil, cooking oil
- Batteries
- Pesticides and pesticide remnants
- Cans and canisters of any description
- Cotton waste
- The contents of vacuum-cleaner bags
- General bulky items such as beds, mattresses, furniture, washing machines, bikes, etc.
- Coated paper bags (cement bags, manure bags, etc.)
- Any kind of wooden crate
- Cat litter, dog excrement
- Nappies, hygiene products, paper tissues
- Paper, string, newspapers
- Any type of plastic
- Metal, wire