

Important information about the organic waste bin

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Dear residents

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Since May 1, 2025, there have been new rules for organic waste nationwide. Organic waste garbage cans may contain a maximum of 3 percent contaminants, which means that waste such as plastic, metals and fabrics do not belong in the organic waste garbage can. If this limit is exceeded, the garbage can cannot be emptied and fines may be imposed.

Details:

- Contaminant limit:

The new Biowaste Ordinance limits the amount of foreign matter in organic waste to a maximum of 3 %.



- Controls:

Waste collection companies will increasingly check organic waste garbage cans for contamination, in some cases using AI-controlled cameras.

- Consequences:

If the contaminant limit is exceeded, the garbage can will not be emptied and finances of up to 2,500 euros may be imposed.

- What belongs in the organic waste garbage can:

Organic waste such as kitchen waste, fruit and vegetable scraps, garden waste, tea bags, egg shells, etc. are allowed in the organic waste garbage can.

- What does not belong in the organic waste garbage can:

Plastic packaging, coffee capsules, metal scraps, fabrics, cat litter, sand, etc. are not allowed in the organic waste garbage can.

Please do not use degradable plastic bags for the collection of organic waste!

These bags cannot be processed in a biowaste treatment plant because the retention time is too short. They must be laboriously sorted out as contaminants. In general, no compostable plastic products may be disposed of in the organic waste garbage can.