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As of March 1st, 2023, Use the new organic waste bag!

750 tons of organic waste end up in Eupen's residual waste every year.

It's the equivalent of the weight of 150 elephants.

We can do better!

A new approach to waste!

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The new organic waste bag is coming!

We in Eupen produce 3000 tons of residual waste every year. This is carried in the green rubbish bags to the incineration plant in Herstal. But an estimated 25% of the contents of these bags - that is, 750 tons (or as much as the weight of 150 elephants!) - consists of valuable organic waste: organic waste (food and food scraps, small garden debris, etc.) that can be better turned into compost.

Ideal as power food for the garden, indoor and patio plants and in greenhouses. It's actually too bad to just throw organic waste away and burn it!

We can do better!

By collecting organic waste separately, we make our residual waste bag much lighter and save our resources.

A benefit for our environment!

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From 01.03.2023,

organic waste will therefore be collected separately from residual waste using the new "bio" waste bag and the residual waste bag will be reduced in size.

One becomes two

Until now: 60-litre residual waste bag, maximum permissible weight 15 kg

New: 40-litre residual waste bag, maximum permissible weight 10 kg AND 20-litre organic waste sack, maximum permissible weight 5 kg

By the way!

Of course, you can use up your remaining stocks of large 60-litre residual waste bags.

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When will things change and how will the transition take place?

Today you receive the voucher for your new bio-waste bags, which is covered by your municipal waste tax 2023.

You can exchange this voucher immediately at the usual distribution points (see back of voucher).

The collection of bio-waste bags will start on 1st March 2023. They will be collected at the same time as the residual waste bags by BISA with a vehicle that has two separate collection compartments.

The collection schedule for Eupen-Oberstadt (Tuesdays) and Eupen-Unterstadt & Kettenis (Fridays) will remain the same as before.

Our tip -

Download the digital calendar with reminder function to your mobile phone and never miss a collection date again, no matter whether residual and organic waste, paper and cardboard or blue PMC sack!

You can find the digital calendar here:

www.eupen.be/digitale-kalender-muellabholung-2023

Important!

If you still have a voucher for 60 l residual waste bags, you can redeem it at the container parks until 31 March 2023.

In local shops the new 40-litre residual waste bags are available as of now.

As usual, you will receive the new vouchers for the 40 l residual waste bags at the end of June with the 2023 waste tax assessment notice.

Additional waste bags cost:

Residual waste bag

40 litres:	roll of 10	€ 15,-
	roll of 20	€ 30,-

Organic waste bag

20 litres:	roll of 10	€ 7,50
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It's up to you

If you reduce your waste, you save twice! Less shopping costs (e.g. superfluous packaging), less disposal costs due to additional waste bags.

Numerous tips on waste reduction can be found at:

www.eupen.be/Abfallvermeidung

What can be placed in the new organic waste bag?

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Kitchen waste

- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Fruit and vegetable peelings, shells of animals/eggs
- Spoiled food
- Leftover cooked food
- Bones

Other organic waste

- Pizza boxes with food leftovers
- Popsicle sticks
- Wipes all

- Paper napkins and handkerchiefs
- Biodegradable animal litter

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Small garden waste

- Herbs
- Indoor plants
- Withered flowers
- Small herbal garden waste

Important!

If you are unsure about something, it is better to dispose of the waste with the residual waste. Incorrectly sorted organic waste negatively affects the quality of the compost produced during fermentation.

FORBIDDEN in the organic waste bag!

Please sort like this:

Residual waste bag

- Cotton buds
- Intimate hygiene waste
- Nappies
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Mineral animal litter
- Cigarette butts
- Street sweeping waste

Blue PMC-bag

- Plastic bags
- Plastic films
- Plastic bowls
- Plastic pots

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What happens to the organic waste?

Separating organic waste is important because, depending on the household, it makes up a good quarter to almost half of the remaining residual household waste. Instead of burning our organic waste as before, it can now be converted into high-quality compost, electricity and heating energy at the fermentation plant in Herstal.

100 kg of organic waste is converted into

- 30 kg of compost
- 10 kWh of electrical energy (roughly equivalent to the power consumption of a television set running for 24 hours)
- 20 kWh of thermal energy (roughly equivalent to the heating energy of 2 litres of domestic fuel oil).

In order to promote this recycling method for the good of the environment, European legislation stipulates that municipalities must offer their citizens the possibility to collect and recycle residual and organic waste separately by 31 December 2023 at the latest.

Your recycling partners in and for Eupen

Did you know that ...

... the city of Eupen uses the revenue from the household waste tax not only to cover the costs of collecting residual and now newly organic waste bags, but also to finance

- the transport and treatment of this waste in Herstal,
- the operation and subsidisation of the recycling centres, the composting site (BISA VoG) and the bulky waste centre (RCYCL VoG)?

In return, you as a private household can

- avail the **bulky waste collection service of RCYCL twice a year free of Charge**,
- **deliver your garden waste** to the BISA composting site at Schönefeld **free of cost**,
- drop off your **collected recyclables and hazardous waste at** the Oberstadt and Unterstadt **recycling centres**.

Strong together on site:

Recycling center - RCYCL – BISA

helpful tips

Avoid unpleasant smells:

- Kitchen waste such as fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and tea bags contain a lot of moisture. To prevent too much juice from accumulating in the bin liner, allow them to drain well, dry out a little if necessary, and wrap food scraps in newspaper or paper bread bags before throwing them away in the organic waste bag. This reduces the moisture in the organic waste bag and its weight, as well as premature fermentation of the waste and the resulting smell.
- If you use a small kitchen bucket to collect organic waste, rinse it regularly with warm vinegar water and cover the bottom with cardboard soaked in a little vinegar before refilling. Helps against fruit flies too!
- If you use bags for the kitchen bin, make sure that only biodegradable bags with this "OK compost" logo (no plastic bags!) are allowed (see adjacent icon).
- The organic waste bag should be stored in a cool place in the house or garage. Do not wait too long to set the bag out for collection, especially in summer. The collection takes place weekly.

Organic waste bag, BISA bin, garden compost:

- If you have a garden, compost your kitchen waste on site. In order to avoid "uninvited guests", do not put leftover cooked food and animal products (fish or meat products, dairy products) and bread on the compost. (information on composting at: www.eupen.be/Abfallvermeidung).
- If you use a BISA bin through which you also dispose of fruit and vegetable waste, use the new organic waste bags for the winter months when the BISA bin is not emptied.
- You can discard larger quantities of garden waste
 - at the composting site of the city of Eupen at VoG BISA, Schönefelder Weg 238, 4700 Eupen (without additional costs for private households from Eupen)

- by having it collected via the BISA collection service using green waste bins from March to November (subject to a charge)
- buy having larger quantities collected individually by BISA's collection service (subject to a charge).

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You can find more information about waste collection here:

www.eupen.be/Abfallentsorgung

General information or questions about the waste tax:

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