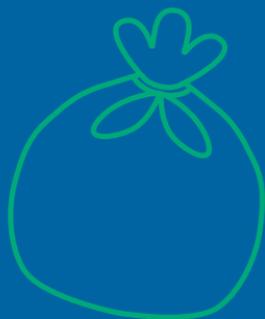


MAIRIE DE PARIS



# GUIDE TO WASTE SORTING



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# **SORT IT RIGHT!**

More than one half of the waste which you throw out every year in the green bin could be recycled. Very often, because you didn't know exactly which bin you should put this waste into...

Hence the idea of publishing this sorting guide, which is both a reminder and a little summary of the art of waste sorting. Here you will find all the advice which already appears on bin lids and on the poster in the room or courtyard of your building.

You will also find a reminder of the most frequent errors and precise answers to those questions which we all ask ourselves: what about jar lids? (you can leave them if they are firmly screwed on), does an electric light bulb go in the white bin? (absolutely not!), and coffee grounds, do they go in the green bin? (possibly, but why not compost them?), where should I dispose of plastic bags? (we'll explain it all to you!).

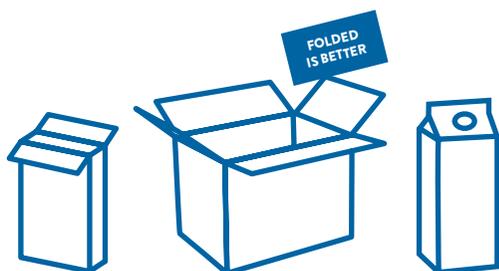
We hope that this guide will answer all your day-to-day questions... and that it will be able to awaken your inner serial sorter.

**Happy sorting!**

• IN THE YELLOW BIN •

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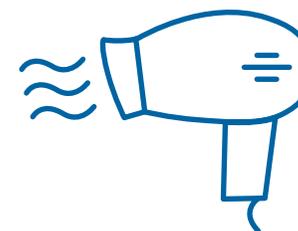
## CARDBOARD PACKAGING



## PLASTIC BOTTLES



## SMALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



**CAPS AND LIDS ARE ALLOWED, PREFERABLY FIRMLY SCREWED ON. PACKAGING MUST BE EMPTY (NO NEED TO WASH IT). CHECK BEFORE THROWING ANYTHING OUT!**

## METAL PACKAGING



## ALL PAPER



## ERRORS TO AVOID

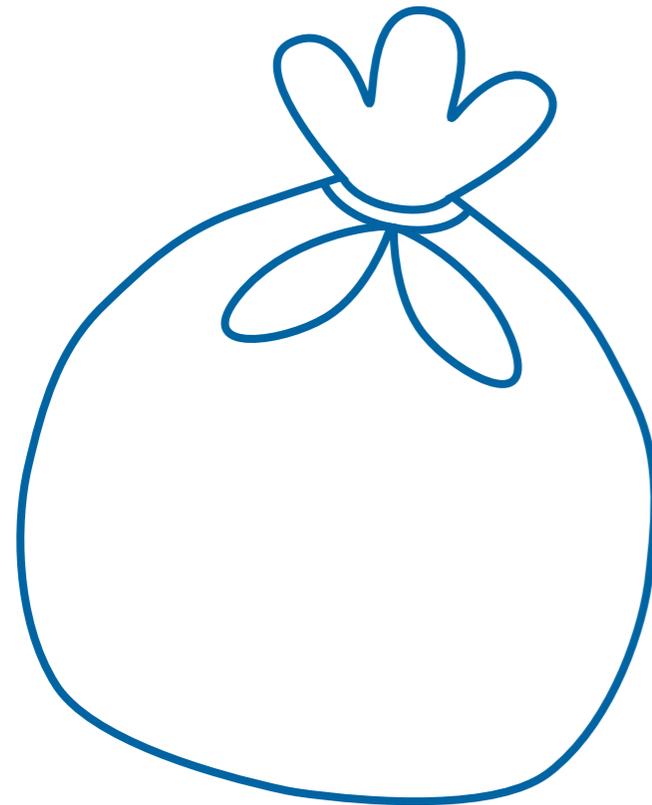
Tubes (mayonnaise, toothpaste...), nappies, crockery, saucepans, stainless steel dishes, paper hankies, paper towels, kitchen roll, dirty cardboard...  
→ **Green bin**  
**Not sure?** Go to [leparisdutri.fr](http://leparisdutri.fr) or opt for the green bin.

## Tips 📱

**Should I wash my cardboard, plastic and metal packaging?**  
Once again **NO**, just make sure it is completely empty.  
**Plastic bags, tubes and yoghurt pots are not recyclable** at the moment, unless you live in the 3rd arrondissement (more information available on the "Green bin" page).  
**If there is a cork, there's no question:** straight in the yellow bin!

• IN THE GREEN BIN •  
**ONLY**

EVERYTHING LEFT AFTER YOU HAVE  
SORTED YOUR WASTE



BEFORE DISPOSING OF WASTE  
IN THE GREEN BIN, CHECK THAT  
IT SHOULD NOT GO IN THE YELLOW  
OR THE WHITE BIN

**Tips** 

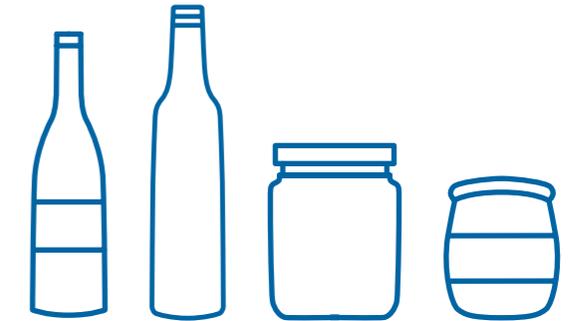
Plastic bags are not recyclable and go in the green bin, except in the 3<sup>rd</sup> arrondissement (additional sorting). If you live there, place plastic bags, tubes (mayonnaise, toothpaste...) and yoghurt pots in the yellow bin. Soon recycling of plastic waste will be extended to all arrondissements. We'll keep you posted!

**ERRORS TO AVOID**

Furniture, large electrical appliances → Recycling and reclamation centres, points of sale, sorting areas  
High-tech equipment, telephones, ink cartridges → Points of sale, mobile sorting points, sorting areas and points  
Textiles, shoes and household linen → Textile bins, associations, mobile sorting points  
Light bulbs and batteries → Points of sale, sorting areas and points, mobile sorting points  
Dangerous products: caustic soda, white spirit, alcohol, glue, paint and fertiliser → Sorting areas and points, mobile sorting points  
Medical waste: medicines, syringes, needles, etc → Pharmacies

IN THE WHITE BIN  
**ONLY**

BOTTLES, STORAGE JARS,  
EMPTY GLASS JARS



CAPS AND LIDS ARE ALLOWED IF THEY ARE FIRMLY SCREWED ON. CHECK BEFORE THROWING ANYTHING OUT!

**ERRORS TO AVOID**

Drinking glasses, mirrors, window glass, windscreens, crockery and flowerpots → **Green bin**  
Light bulbs → Points of sale  
Not sure?  
Go to [leparisdutri.fr](http://leparisdutri.fr) or opt for the green bin.

**Tips** 

Is there no white bin for your building?  
There are more 1,000 glass bins in Paris, one every 150m.  
Should I wash my glass containers?  
NO! Just make sure they are empty.  
Can I dispose of a bag filled with empty bottles? NO!  
Empty bottles should be placed loose in the white bin.

# SORT YOUR WASTE WHEREVER YOU WISH

The City of Paris offers numerous services and facilities to help you sort your waste more effectively.

## SORT YOUR OCCASIONAL WASTE

### Sorting point - “Point tri”

These small local recycling centres will take cardboard, glass, textiles, small electrical household appliances, lamps, x-rays, batteries and ink cartridges...

### Mobile sorting points - “Trimobile”

These 80 mobile recycling points, installed temporarily and regularly in public spaces, collect occasional waste as close to you as possible, such as: batteries, cartridges, small household electrical appliances, large cardboard boxes, IT equipment, paints and solvents...

### Sorting areas - “Espace tri”

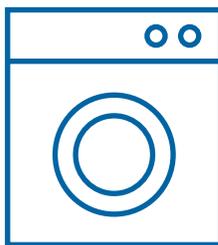
As well as the waste accepted at sorting points and mobile sorting points, you can take your rubble, furniture and large electrical appliances to these large recycling centres.

### Bulky waste service

Your hazardous waste and bulky items can be collected from the bottom of your building. You must fill in the form on [www.paris.fr](http://www.paris.fr). Any dumping on the public highway is strictly prohibited and subject to a fine of 68 to 1500 euros.

THESE FREE SERVICES ARE RESERVED FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

All addresses and operating hours are available on [leparisdutri.fr](http://leparisdutri.fr)



## SORT YOUR ORGANIC WASTE

### Why not compost it?

Your green waste and kitchen waste (with the exception of meat, fish and dairy products) can be transformed into compost:

- at your home, using an individual compost bin or worm bin,
- in your neighbourhood, using the shared compost bin at the bottom of your building, or the neighbourhood compost bin. The City of Paris will instruct you and pay for your equipment.

## GIVE YOUR OBJECTS A SECOND LIFE

### Recycling and reclamation centres

Giving away, selling, repairing and finding new uses: collective reuse of used objects (toys, electrical household appliances and IT equipment...) offers many advantages! With more than 10 recycling and reclamation centres in Paris, there is bound to be an organisation near you where you can give your items a second life.

### Textile bins

Is your wardrobe overflowing? There are more than 250 textile bins available for your use in Paris. Textiles, linen and shoes deposited are sorted for reuse or recycling.

For further information please go to [leparisdutri.fr](http://leparisdutri.fr)



## QUESTIONS FROM SORTERS

### There aren't enough yellow or white bins for my building, what can I do?

Speak to your building manager or caretaker who, as a referral point for matters related to cleaning and sorting, will make a request to your arrondissement's cleaning department.

## What happens to the sorted waste?

Once collected, the packaging and paper in the yellow bin is sent to sorting centres, where they are separated by materials. Each bale of material is then sent to the appropriate recycling plants. Incorrectly sorted waste is sent to an incineration plant. Glass is sent to a glass factory to make new glass containers. It is an everlasting cycle, as glass is endlessly recyclable.



## What can you make with...



**6 MILK CARTONS?**

1 roll of toilet paper



**9 TRANSPARENT PLASTIC BOTTLES**

1 T-shirt



**8 TINS OF CANNED FOOD?**

1 saucepan



**250 DRINK CANS?**

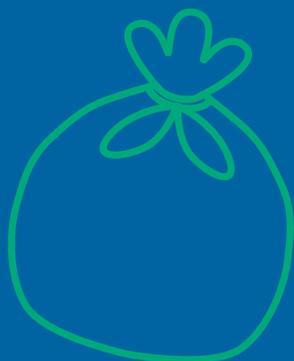
1 bicycle frame



**1 TON OF GLASS?**

2,138 x 75 cl bottles





# JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Become a sorting ambassador  
and motivate your neighbours by downloading  
the information kit on



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