



Waste collection Municipality of Vlissingen

Why is it important to separate your waste?

This leaflet contains information about waste collection in the Municipality of Vlissingen.

It is very important that we improve our household waste separation.

Alderman Els Verhage, responsible for Vlissingen's Raw Materials Policy, explains why waste separation is so important.

“The depletion of raw materials puts increasing pressure on the environment. Residual waste must be incinerated in waste incinerators, which is harmful for the environment and costs us money. Moreover, many waste materials can be reused as raw materials for new products.

In Vlissingen, on average, we produce 344 kg of residual waste per person per year. That is a lot, especially considering that the Dutch government has ordered us to reduce this amount to 100 kg.

When we take a close look at what we put in our residual waste container, we find that almost all of it could be recycled: vegetable, fruit and garden waste can be turned into compost, plastic can be used for car bumpers, mattresses can be turned into new mattresses or carpets, and used paper and cardboard can be recycled into new paper and cardboard.

Personally, I take it as a challenge to produce as little residual waste as possible. It is something I have become quite passionate about.

By now our household produces so little residual waste, that our residual waste container needs to be emptied only occasionally.

The new waste collection system in Vlissingen makes waste separation easy for everybody. So I would say to everyone: Separating your waste? Just do it!



Separating waste - how does it work?

You can reduce your amount of residual waste by depositing your different types of waste - vegetable waste, plastic and metal packaging and drink cartons ('pmd'), paper and cardboard, glass and textiles – in the designated containers for each type.

Here are a few tips to help you along:

- ✓ Remove the waste bin from your kitchen. It is tempting to just throw all types of waste in this bin together, instead of separating it.
- ✓ Place smaller separate containers in your home in which you collect different types of waste. This makes waste separation much simpler.
- ✓ Download the waste management guide app 'Afvalwijzer Middelburg-Vlissingen' for iOS and Android or check www.vlissingen.nl/afvalwijzer. It tells you exactly which type of waste should go where.
- ✓ Buy packagings with a deposit. This encourages you to separate your waste and return the packaging to the supermarket.
- ✓ Did you know that glass can be reused infinitely? It can be recycled into new glass again and again. Tip: you can deposit your empty glasses, bottles and jars in the glass container without removing the lids first, which saves you a lot of mess!
- ✓ Separating waste is something you just have to do. We can give you a few tips to make it easier for you, but in the end the best tip is to just start doing it. Start small, for example by only separating your paper first. If this goes well, you can start to do the other categories as well. Good luck!



Vlissingen residents about waste

We asked a few residents of our municipality why they separate their waste.

- ✓ Ellie: What do you want your legacy to the world to be? If you have children or grand-children, do it for them!
- ✓ Wilma: “Separating your waste is a small effort, you help the environment while getting some exercise at the same time. For me, waste separation is something you just do.
- ✓ Elizabeth: “Separating your waste is a small effort with a major impact on the future of our planet.”



What goes where?

Your waste does not have to go to waste, it can be a valuable resource for new products. So properly sorting your waste is important. The comprehensive list below makes waste separation a breeze.



Vegetable, fruit and garden waste (VFG)

- ✓ Fruit and vegetable trimmings, residues and peels
- ✓ Potatoes, potato peels, bread, rice, dough, pasta
- ✓ Food residues, cooked or uncooked, leftovers
- ✓ Dairy products like cheese
- ✓ Egg, fish or meat residues, including bones
- ✓ Gravy and fat (solidified)
- ✓ Nut shells, (mussel) shells and egg shells
- ✓ Loose leaf tea and coffee grounds (including paper filter)
- ✓ Cookies, candy, chocolate, nuts, kernels, snacks
- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Small pruning waste, foliage, mowed grass and leaves
- ✓ Garden and potting soil
- ✓ Branches, stumps and small trunks

Tip: Collect your food waste and peels in a small container and regularly empty it in your large VFG container, preferably daily. This prevents unpleasant odours in your home.



Paper and cardboard

- ✓ Egg boxes
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Cardboard and paper packaging, bags or boxes
- ✓ Newspapers, advertising materials, telephone books
- ✓ Prints, wrapping, fax, copy, writing and drawing paper

Did you know that: Paper offered separately for recycling must be clean and dry. Used tissues or dirty pizza boxes do not belong in the paper container.



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What goes where?



Plastic and metal packaging and drink cartons ('pmd')

Plastic packaging:

- ✓ Plastic bags and bread, pasta and candy bags
- ✓ Plastic packaging for cold cuts, cheese and other foods
- ✓ Plastic wraps from magazines and advertising materials
- ✓ Blister packaging from toothbrushes, cables, screws, etc.
- ✓ Butter tubs, plastic cheese spread or pâté containers, coffee creamer cups
- ✓ Plastic trays used for vegetables, fruit and salads
- ✓ Small plastic bags, fries trays
- ✓ Yoghurt, custard, cream and ice cream tubs
- ✓ Lids from peanut butter and chocolate spread jars
- ✓ Plastic sauce bottles (e.g. ketchup and mayonnaise)
- ✓ Laundry detergent and cleaning product bottles
- ✓ Personal care bottles and tubes
- ✓ Oil and vinegar bottles
- ✓ Bottles used for soft drinks, water and liquid dairy products
- ✓ Containers used for hair gel and prescription and vitamin bottles
- ✓ Small plastic plant pots

Drink cartons:

- ✓ Juice cartons
- ✓ Wine cartons
- ✓ Liquid dairy cartons

Tin:

- ✓ Food cans
- ✓ Dog and cat food cans
- ✓ Beer and soda cans
- ✓ Soup, meat and vegetable cans
- ✓ Syrup cans
- ✓ Jar lids, screw caps and beer bottle caps

Tip: Avoid pmd-waste by buying products in packaging with a deposit ("statiegeld") and return the packaging to a collection point after use.



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✓ Tassen en accessoires	× Natte kleding
✓ Gordijnen	× Afval
✓ Hoeden en petten	
✓ Huishoudtextiel	

What goes where?



Glass

- ✓ Single-use glass packaging (bottles and jars) used for drinks, food, cosmetics and medicines
- ✓ 'Small glass', like baby food jars, deodorant rollers, spice jars, sambal jars and perfume bottles

Tip: Are there separate containers for clear, brown and green glass? Then deposit the right colour in the right container. Red and blue coloured glass can be deposited in the container for green glass. The better we separate our glass, the more raw materials we can recycle.

Textiles



- ✓ All clean clothing (even worn or torn)
- ✓ Shoes (paired together)
- ✓ Bed linen: sheets, blankets, pillowcases and duvet covers
- ✓ Towels, tea towels, tablecloths, napkins and washcloths
- ✓ Clothing accessories like belts, bags, neckties and shawls, hats and caps
- ✓ Stuffed toys
- ✓ Curtains and net curtains.



Did you know that: Any clothing is allowed in the textile container, as long as it is dry and clean and put in a closed bag. Clothing or shoes with oil or paint stains are not allowed.



What goes where?



Small Chemical Waste (KCA in Dutch)

- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes, energy-saving bulbs and LED bulbs
- ✓ Paint, varnish, stain and wood preservation agents
- ✓ Products used when painting such as ammonia, turpentine, thinner, paint stripper, paint thinner, paintbrush cleaner, paintbrush softener and benzene
- ✓ Car batteries
- ✓ Gasoline, motor oil, used oil, brake fluid
- ✓ Coolant

Tip: You can take your Small Chemical Waste (KCA in Dutch) to the municipal recycling facility (the 'milieustraat')



Residual waste

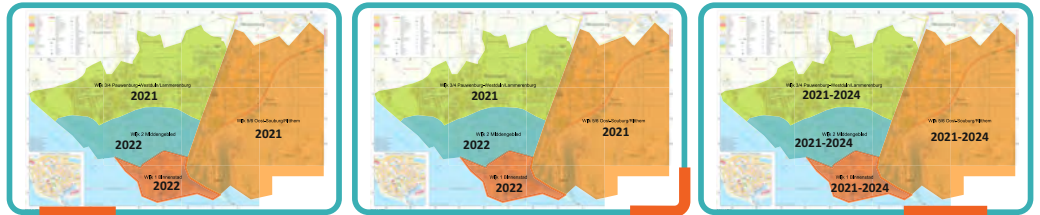
- ✓ Ash (burned material)
- ✓ Face masks and disposable gloves
- ✓ Bathroom waste, such as cotton buds and pads and wet wipes
- ✓ CDs, DVDs and videotapes
- ✓ Duvets and pillows
- ✓ Animal feces
- ✓ Soiled paper like pizza boxes
- ✓ Photo and film material
- ✓ Incandescent or halogen lamps
- ✓ Cat litter
- ✓ Adhesives and sealants
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Adhesive tape
- ✓ Paper packaging with a plastic or aluminium coating (not drink cartons)
- ✓ Vegetable or fruit net bags
- ✓ Crockery and earthenware
- ✓ Spray cans
- ✓ Textiles, wet or soiled
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee pads
- ✓ Home-care waste
- ✓ Dried paint

Did you know that: Only 16% of our waste is actual residual waste. A lot of our waste can be recycled as a raw material for new products. So properly sorting your waste is important.

Changes in Vlissingen

To help you separate your waste correctly, we are going to change or expand some of our collection methods. All changes are made with one common goal: less residual waste. These changes will be gradually implemented in different parts of our municipality. Below, you can see how these changes will be carried out:

Carried out where and when?



What will be done?

Restricting access to underground containers

Expanding VFG facilities

Increasing the number of underground containers

What are the results?

Less 'waste tourism'

Better separation of VFG waste

More possibilities to separate waste

Why do we do this?

Less residual waste

From waste to resource

Many waste flows can be recycled into raw materials for new products. If we separate our waste even better, less residual waste ends up in the incinerator. The municipality has to pay for this residual waste incineration. So better waste separation results in less residual waste, which in turn leads to lower costs and fewer valuable resources wasted. Together we give waste a new life!

Vegetable, fruit and garden waste

A part of the VFG waste is first fermented and subsequently processed into compost. During this fermentation process biogas is produced. This biogas is used to generate electricity or produce green gas. The remaining VFG waste is processed into compost for use in agriculture or in your garden.

Paper and cardboard

Used paper and cardboard can be turned into new paper and cardboard. That way we save a lot of trees.

Plastic and drink cartons

After collection, plastic and drink cartons are separated into plastic and paper. First the plastic is further separated into different types of plastic. These types of plastic are then shredded, washed and ground into pellets. These pellets are then used for the production of new products. The paper and cardboard are processed into tissues, boxes and bags.

Small Chemical Waste

A part of the Small Chemical Waste is reused. Zinc from batteries, for example, is used in gutters. Steel from batteries and paint tins is used in nails and steel wire. And glass from fluorescent tubes and energy-saving bulbs is also recycled.

Textiles

Good second hand clothes are sold by thrift shops. Linen and worn or torn clothing are turned into cleaning rags, insulation material or car seat stuffing. Recycled fibres are increasingly processed into new fabrics.

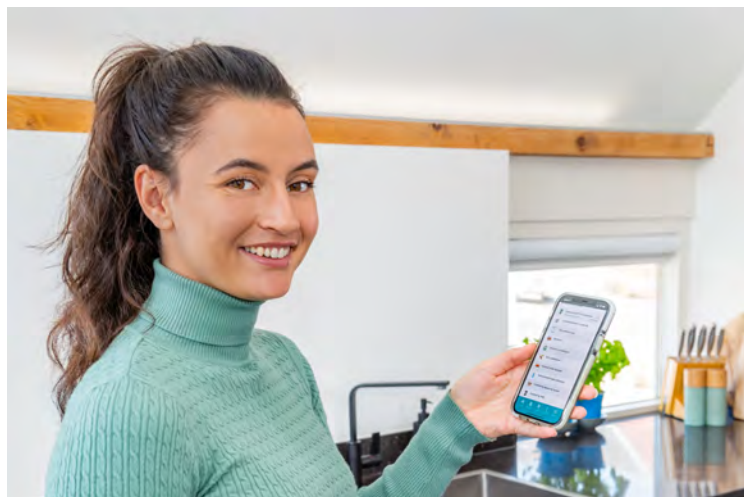
Glass

Collected glass is delivered to the glass factory, where it is processed into clear, green or brown glass. Glass can be recycled infinitely.

Download the 'Afvalwijzer' waste management guide app.

All the information about waste collection in our municipality can be found online on the Afvalwijzer website: www.vlissingen.nl/afvalwijzer or in the Afvalwijzer Middelburg-Vlissingen app for your smartphone or tablet.

Enter your postal code and house number to receive your personal waste collection guide ('Afvalwijzer' in Dutch). This guide tells you where to find the collection containers and what waste goes where. Waste separation has never been easier! Separating your waste? Just do it!



Want to know more about waste collection or separating your waste? Check our website www.vlissingen.nl/afvalapart. Here, you can also find the answers to several frequently asked questions, for example about the waste disposal key.

You can also call us on 14 0118 or e-mail us at stadsbeheer@vlissingen.nl.

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