

# Recycling guide

It is very important to correctly separate used packaging and food leftovers so that it can be processed correctly and turned into new products or used for energy purposes. By recycling, you are helping to save huge amounts of energy and are making sure that natural resources don't go to waste.



## Recycling station

The municipality of Akureyri provides a great service when it comes to sorting and recycling. In Akureyri, there are 11 recycling stations where you can drop-off your sorted waste. The stations have containers for plastic packaging, drink cartons, newspapers and magazines, cardboard packaging, metal packaging, glass packaging, small batteries and used cooking oil (in a closed container).

### Recycling station locations:

- Glerártorg - shopping center
- Krambúðin, Byggðavegur 98 – supermarket
- Hagkaup, Hjalteyrargata - grocery store
- Hrísalundur - grocery store
- Krambúðin, Borgarbraut 1 – supermarket
- Urðargil – next to a power-substation
- Bónus, Kjarnagata 2 - grocery store
- Ice-rink, Naustavegur 1
- City hall, Geislagata
- Bónus, Langholt 1 – grocery store
- Sunnuhlíð - shopping center

Organic waste is collected in Akureyri and a composting company converts it into soil for use as fertiliser. It is the property owner's responsibility to facilitate the possibility of recycling organic waste and to make sure that there is a waste bin for organic waste, which is why it is not collected at the recycling stations.

In Iceland there is a deposit system for bottles and cans. Every plastic bottle or can of juice, water and soda has a "pant" value. This value is what you pay in addition to a regular price when you buy a drink. You can get this value back by recycling and bringing it back to a specific recycling station.

The pant value is 16 ISK per bottle/can. The recycling station is at Furuvöllum 11, 600 Akureyri.



# Waste categories

## Organic waste



### Organic waste includes:

- Fruits and peel
- Vegetables and peel
- Eggs and eggshells
- Cooked meat, fish leftovers, bones
- Grain, rice and pasta
- Bread and cookies
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Used napkins and kitchen rolls
- Dairy products
- Flowers
- Toothpicks, icecream sticks and sushi sticks.

In the organic bin, you can put all food leftovers and other organic waste from the household. The waste must be put in a special green biobag that is compostable. All households in Akureyri receive 150 biobags a year, free of charge. You can buy more bags from Terra (a waste management company) and any grocery store in town. The bags then go into the green bin which the municipality has delivered to every household.

## The green funnel



By using the green funnel, you can put used cooking oil and fat into e.g. a plastic bottle and return it to the next recycling station where it will then be recycled and used to produce biodiesel. You can get the green funnel at Norðurorka's service center, in the City Hall at Geislagata 9 and at Terra's office.

## Plastic packaging



Only packaging can be recycled. It is important to rinse the packaging and remove all paper from it.

### Plastic packaging include:

- Plastic bags
- Plastic cups e.g. yogurt cups
- Plastic wrappings, clear and coloured
- Plastic wrappings e.g. wrappings from candies and crackers
- Plastic trays
- Plastic containers e.g. bottles for shampoo
- Styrofoam containers
- Snack bags

## Glass



### Glass includes:

- Jars
- Flower pots
- Glass bottles
- Perfume bottles
- Mirrors

Glass can break during disposal and cause accidents, so it is absolutely necessary to sort the glass instead of putting it in a general waste bin. The lids of glass jars should be recycled with metal. Light bulbs are not classified as glass but as hazardous waste and therefore do not belong in this recycling category.



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## Metal



### **Metal includes:**

- Metal cans e.g. soup cans
- Metal jar lids
- Aluminium packaging

Metal is a valuable material that can be recycled many times without the material losing its value. Therefore, it is very important to recycle all metal.

## Newspaper and magazines



### **Newspaper and magazines include:**

- Newspapers and magazines
- Envelopes with or without windows
- Office papers
- Brochures
- Gift wrapping paper

Stickers with glue and bound books should not be sorted with this material.

## Batteries



### **Batteries include:**

- Batteries
- Identification key
- SIM card etc.

Batteries are classified as hazardous waste as they contain e.g. acids and lead that are very harmful to the environment. It is very important to put batteries in a special bag that can be picked up at Terra's office and not throw out batteries in the "general waste".

## Corrugated cardboard and paper



### **Corrugated cardboard and paper include:**

- Pizza boxes
- Cardboard trays
- Receipt
- Paper packaging
- Packaging from cereal boxes, biscuit boxes and tissue boxes

It is important to remove all leftover food from the cardboard e.g. from pizza boxes. It is also recommended to press the packaging together.

## Drink containers



### **Drink containers include:**

- Clean milk, fruit or cream containers

It is important to remove all food from the packaging, rinse the cartons and press the containers together.

