

Waste sorting in the Czech Republic

In the Czech Republic, containers (or bins) are designated for waste and their colour markings indicate which waste belongs in them.

ATTENTION !!! WASTE SORTING IS NOT RECYCLING.

Waste sorting is the separation of materials that can be further processed and used.

Recycling is a technological process by which waste material is turned into material of approximately the same quality. Although not all sorted material can be recycled, this reduces the environmental burden, reduces the need to extract new raw materials and uses waste instead of storing it in landfill.



Do you know what the recycling symbol is? It is a symbol that tells us how to sort individual waste properly by indicating what material the packaging is made of.

In the Ústecký Region, all citizens have the opportunity to sort paper (blue), plastics (yellow), glass (green) and metals (grey). Other sorting options include bio-waste (brown), large waste and electrical waste.

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We do not put excessively dirty packaging, packaging with food residues or packaging with residues of corrosive or harmful substances into containers with sorted waste. Porcelain, ceramics, mirrors or already recycled material such as toilet paper rolls are not allowed in the sorted waste.

In addition to the above, there are also containers with orange markings for beverage cartons (juice, milk). You can also come across containers that are white and are designed for glass. Clear glass therefore belongs in the white container, coloured glass in the green one. Some bottles are even returnable and therefore belong back to the shop, so-called returnable bottles (e.g. beer or some syrups).



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Recently, many stores are also introducing so-called "containerless sales", where everyone has the option of buying in their own containers and jars or in store-bought containers that can be used repeatedly.

If you don't know how to sort your waste, you can dispose all of it in the black containers for mixed waste.

In addition to the waste bins, you can take your waste to a collection yard, collection centres or a collection point. Large items are taken to the collection yard, but also, for example, collected oil in a plastic container. You can also take small electrical appliances here. For these, there are special red bins (or containers for this purpose) in shopping centres or even in schools and kindergartens.

Do you know where to put...

...medication? Unused and expired medicines should be handed in at pharmacies!

...clothes, shoes or towels? You can donate your still usable and undamaged clothes to various organizations, charities or throw them into clothing containers.

...light bulbs? It belongs to special containers marked with the word "ŽÁROVKY" (=light bulbs), which you can find in some shopping centres and shops.

...batteries? They belong in special containers marked with the word "BATERIE" (=batteries), which you can find in some shopping centres, shops. You can get a free ECOCHEESE box (a special box for collecting batteries at home)



...wrecked cars? Wrecked cars belong to the scrapyards, where they will also issue you with a certificate of ecological disposal.

For more information on sorting or recycling, visit www.ekokom.cz, www.jaktridit.cz.