

How we sort waste in Borås



Black bags

Black bags may only hold food waste such as leftovers and fruit and vegetable scraps. We use food waste to produce biogas.



White bags

White bags may only hold combustible waste that cannot be recycled, such as envelopes, nappies, cat litter, clay balls and paper towels. We use combustible waste to generate district heating, district cooling and electricity.

Bags may never contain dangerous waste, electrical materials, metal or glass.

Seal the bags with a double knot to keep things sorted all the way!



Glass bottles and jars

Deposit the glass in the glass collection containers at the recycling station. Deposit clear glass in the white container, and coloured glass in the green one.



Paper packaging and boxes

Hand in paper packaging at the recycling station. Cardboard boxes should be handed in to one of our recycling centres. Flatten the boxes to make them easier to transport!



Metal packaging

Deposit food cans and metal lids in the container labelled "Metall" (metal) at the recycling station.



Light bulbs and batteries

Light bulbs should be handed in as electrical waste at a recycling centre. Batteries should be placed in battery bins at recycling centres and recycling stations.



Plastic packaging

Deposit hard or soft plastic packaging, e.g. shampoo bottles, ketchup bottles and plastic bags, in the container marked "Plastförpackningar" (plastic packaging) at the recycling station.



Dangerous waste

Glycol, biocides, mercury thermometers, electronics, glue and paint residuals, solvents, oils, fluorescent tubes and low-energy light bulbs are examples of dangerous waste that must be deposited at recycling centres. Contact a member of staff when handing in dangerous waste.



Newspapers

Remove any plastic the newspapers or advertisements may have. Hand in newspapers, circulars, catalogues and suchlike at the recycling station.

Hand in recyclable material here

Recycling stations. There are around 80 unmanned recycling stations in Borås where you may deposit newspapers and glass, paper, metal and plastic packaging. The recycling stations are often close to shops, city squares or other places where people often congregate. All of the addresses are available at www.borasem.se/avs and via the "Sortera smart" app.

Recycling centres. There are five manned recycling centres where you can hand over waste and get advice on how to handle various types of waste materials. Opening hours are posted on www.borasem.se/avs and the "Sortera smart" app.



Download the "Sortera smart" app at www.borasem.se/sorterasmart

Quick reference A-Z

Black bags = Food waste White bags = Combustible waste ÅVS = Återvinningsstation = Recycling station
 ÅVC = Bemannad återvinningscentral = Recycling centre (manned)

A	Aluminium foil/tray.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)	Insulation materials.....	ÅVC (Insulation)	
	Ammonia.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)	J	Jars, glass.....	ÅVS (Glass packaging)
	Anti-aphid agent.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)		Jars, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
B	Bags, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Juice cartons, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Bags, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)	L	Light bulbs.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Bag-in-box, box.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Luminary, holder.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Bag-in-box, bag + tap.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Mail-order catalogues/telephone directories.....	ÅVS (Newspaper/Recyclable paper)
	Baking tray, foil.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)	M	Make-up, skin cream.....	White bag
	Baking tray, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Margarine packets, cardboard/foil.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Banana skin.....	Black bag		Margarine tubs, lid.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Barbecue chicken bags.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Margarine tubs, plastic container.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Batteries.....	ÅVS/ÅVC (Battery collection)		Margarine wrapper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Bones.....	Black bag		Meat.....	Black bag
	Books.....	ÅVC (Recycling)		Medicinal items.....	Pharmacy
	Bottles, glass, non-returnable.....	ÅVS (Glass packaging)		Medication bubble packs (not tablets).....	White bag
	Bottles, plastic (not PET).....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Metal handles from buckets.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Boxes, cardboard.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Metal cans, empty, clean.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Bread.....	Black bag		Milk, sour milk, yoghurt cartons.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Bubble wrap.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Mordant, glazing paint.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
C	Cans, metal.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)	N	Nail varnish.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Cardboard cartons.....	ÅVC (Cardboard)		Nappies.....	White bag
	Cardboard cartons (small).....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Newspapers, magazines.....	ÅVS (Newspaper/Recyclable paper)
	Cardboard, large quantities.....	ÅVC (Cardboard)		Nylon stockings.....	White bag
	Carrier bags, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)	O	Oil waste.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Carrier bags, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Orange peel.....	Black bag
	Cat litter.....	White bag		Oven-cleaning agent.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Caviar tubes.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)	P	Padded envelopes.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Cellophane, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Paint.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Cellular plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Paint cans, metal, empty, clean.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Ceramics.....	ÅVC (Landfill)		Paint cans, plastic, empty, clean.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Charcoal bags.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Paper bags (e.g. flour bags).....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Chewing gum.....	White bag		Paper towels.....	White bag
	China.....	ÅVC (Landfill)		Pet waste bags.....	White bag
	Chlorine.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)		Pizza boxes.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Chocolate boxes.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Plasterboard.....	ÅVC (Plaster)
	Christmas present/gift wrappers.....	ÅVS (Newspaper/Recyclable paper)		Plasticised paper packaging.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)
	Cigarette ends.....	White bag		Plastic tubs, empty, clean.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Cigarette packets.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Plastic glasses/cups/plates.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Circulars/catalogues.....	ÅVS (Newspaper/Recyclable paper)		Plant soil.....	White bag
	Clay balls.....	White bag or ÅVC		Plant waste, plant parts.....	White bag
	Cleaning spray bottles.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Photographs.....	White bag
	Cling film, plastic foil.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Polystyrene (e.g. from PC).....	ÅVS/ÅVC (Plastic packaging)
	Clothes.....	ÅVC (Recycling)		Polystyrene (e.g. from meat tray).....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Coffee cartons, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Pop bottles, glass.....	ÅVS (Glass packaging)
	Coffee cartons, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Post-it notes.....	White bag
	Coffee grounds/Tea bags.....	Black bag		Potato peel.....	Black bag
	Combustible waste.....	White bag		Prams.....	ÅVC (Recycling)
	Cornflake boxes.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Printer toner.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)
	Crème fraiche tubs.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)	S	Sand.....	ÅVC (Landfill)
	Crisp packets, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Sanitary products.....	White bag
	Crisp packets, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Sausage/cheese/jam wrap, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Crystal.....	ÅVC (Landfill)		Shrimp peelings.....	Black bag
D	Deodorant, roll-on, glass.....	ÅVS (Glass packaging)		Snuff/dip tobacco.....	White bag
	Deodorant, roll-on, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Steam irons.....	ÅVC (Electrical waste)
	Disposable cups/plates, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)	T	Tea light holders, metal.....	ÅVC (Scrap metal)
	Disposable cups/plates, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)		Textiles.....	ÅVC (Textiles)
E	Ear plugs.....	White bag		Tin cans.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Egg cartons.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)		Tin cans, empty, clean.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Eggshells.....	Black bag		Tops.....	White bag
	Electrical leads.....	ÅVC (Electrical waste)		Tops/stoppers, metal.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)
	Envelopes.....	White bag		Tops/stoppers, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
F	Felt-tip and marking pens.....	White bag	V	Tulips.....	White bag
	Filler.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)		Vacuum cleaner bags.....	White bag
	Fir trees, garden waste.....	ÅVC (Garden waste)		Vegetable peel.....	Black bag
	Fish.....	Black bag	W	Waxed cloth.....	White bag
	Folders.....	White bag		Wine/spirits bottles, non-returnable.....	ÅVS (Glass packaging)
	Food waste.....	Black bag		Wine corks.....	White bag
	Freezer bag.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)	Y	Yoghurt tubs.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)
	Fruit peel.....	Black bag	Z	Zinc.....	ÅVC (Scrap metal).....
G	Garden waste.....	ÅVC (Garden waste)			
	Grass cuttings.....	ÅVC (Garden waste)			
	Gravel.....	ÅVC (landfill)			
	Glue.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)			
	Green foam moss.....	White bag			
H	Hair spray can, metal.....	ÅVS (Metal packaging)			
	Hair spray can, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)			
I	Ice cream/candy wrapper, paper.....	ÅVS (Paper packaging)			
	Ice cream/candy wrapper, plastic.....	ÅVS (Plastic packaging)			
	Impregnated wood.....	ÅVC (Ecostation)			

If you have any questions, you are welcome to phone the Customer Centre on 020 97 13 00