

Information letter on waste sorting

Dear citizen in Fogedmarken,

From 23/09 2020, Samsø Municipality and the Waste Management Agency will introduce a new waste scheme where your holiday home will be sorting waste into 8 fractions, which in the future will be handed over at the island's first resource site. Over the next year, all the island's holiday areas will be associated with one or more of these resource sites. The scheme will make it easier to collect more waste for recycling, so that we can raise the recycling rate on the island.

Now it's easier to sort more

Too many recyclable resources are wasted in the incinerator. Therefore, we all need to sort more so that we can utilize these resources and help the environment. With the new scheme, we thus expect to be able to live up to future EU requirements, national goals and not least the municipality's own vision of being a sustainable municipality. Therefore, we need your help to sort more and reach the goal.

Introduction to the new scheme

In the new scheme, it is possible to deliver biowaste, metal, hard plastic, residual waste, paper, glass, batteries, clothing and textiles at the resource site. The containers on site are equipped with pictograms showing the type of waste. *See the enclosed sorting guide, which explains via pictures where the various waste products are to be placed.*



Biowaste

Are all the food left over from the kitchen. It can be meat, bread, vegetables, fruit, nuts, waste from raw materials, food that has become too old, coffee filters or kitchen roll used in cooking, etc. These bio-residues must be collected in plastic bags. We recommend throwing the closed or laced bag out in the container as needed, and therefore do not keep it inside for a long time.



Packaging

Are all the types of metal and hard plastic that have been used for example food storing. The types of plastic packaging that have been used for chemicals and that have a black cross on the back cannot be disposed of in this container and must

therefore be handed in at the recycling site as hazardous waste. Applicable to all types of packaging is that they must be empty and cleaned/rinsed of leftover food and other dirt.

The **metal** waste could consist of:

- Empty cans from beverages (preferably pushed flat)
- Cans if rinsed clean of leftover food (labels are okay)
- Aluminum trays from liver pate and the like, but **ONLY** if they are cleaned
- Capsules
- Lid from glass
- Cups from tealights (a little wax is okay)
- Pure tinfoil (curled up)

Here are examples of **hard plastic**:

- Detergent and rinse aid (emptied and rinsed once)
- Ketchup and mustard (rinsed clean of leftovers)
- Shampoo, creams and soaps (emptied and rinsed once)
- Soft drinks (without leftovers)
- Sprinkler fluid and the like (emptied and rinsed once, max. 2½ liters)
- Hand alcohol
- Fruit trays
- Meat trays
- Plastic cans and plastic bottles (max. 2½ liters)

You are very welcome to squeeze the air out of the soft bottles and put the lid back on - so they take up less space.



Glass

All empty and cleaned glass containers without lids (metal lids must be made of metal). For example, it can be glass from:

- Jams and marmalades
- Olives
- Mushrooms
- Artichokes
- Pickled beets and cucumbers
- Red cabbage
- Mustard
- Empty wine and spirits bottles as well as other empty glass bottles



Residual waste

The residual waste is what is left after you have sorted all the other things apart. Examples of residual waste could be diapers, milk cartons, juice cartons, used paper handkerchiefs, butter trays, and other waste made from composite materials. Also, dirty packaging from meat and dairy products, waste from the bathroom, disposable washcloths, wet wipes, cotton swabs and the like must be in the container with residual waste. Residual waste must be collected in plastic bags and thrown in the container closed or laced.



Paper

Recyclable paper:

- Writing paper and envelopes
- Newspapers, advertisements and weeklies (without leftovers and soil)
- Other printed matter
- Phonebooks
- Gift wrap (without ribbon).

The following can NOT be reused as paper:

- Milk cartons and other paper with a coating of plastic and glue (must be in residual waste)
- Dirty paper (must be in residual waste)
- Pizza trays (shell in residual waste)
- Corrugated cardboard and other cardboard (delivered in the cardboard container at the recycling site or the places where there are cardboard containers)
- Thin cardboard, e.g. boxes of cornflakes (without contents) and empty tubes of toilet rolls (shell in residual waste)
- Used kitchen roll and paper handkerchiefs (must be in the compost bin or in residual waste)



Batteries

- All types of button cell batteries. Button cell batteries are used in watches, hearing aids, toys, calculators, bicycle computers, remote controls etc. The size is usually between 5 and 20 mm.
- All types of amber batteries. AAA, AA, C, D, disposable battery, rechargeable battery, alkali battery, alkaline, amber battery, lithium battery, lithium-ion battery, nickel-cadmium battery, nickel metal hydride battery.
- Generally, the types of batteries that can go into the hole in the container. Car batteries and dry batteries are disposed of at the recycling site



Textiles and clothes

Textiles are tablecloths, bedding, linen, curtains, sheets, clothes that are broken and therefore cannot be recycled, etc. Clothes are effects that can be recycled.

We often hear citizens say that it does not matter to sort, because "you mix it up anyway". What the citizens have sorted is not mixed up. On the contrary, it is often sorted into even more fractions. An example is metal and hard plastic that are hand-sorted by the company that receives it, thereby increasing recycling.

If you are in doubt about the type of waste in question, it is always better to put it in residual waste instead of in the wrong container. Exceptions to this are glass, batteries and hazardous waste.

If you have any questions or something that you would like clarified further, you are welcome to contact either Claus Dahl Thomsen, aucdt@samsoe.dk, tel. 0045 3010 5545, or Stig Sandholt Andersen, aussa@samsoe.dk, tel. 0045 2520 8829.

Yours sincerely

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