

## The Waste ABC



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| Aluminum foil (for household use) |  | $\bullet$ | (if very dirty) | Use beeswax wraps or reusable tubs | N.B.: follow the waste disposal guidelines in the event of contact with chemical sub stances; see the entry for aluminum foil (for lab use) |


| Aluminum foil (for lab use) |  |  |  | Container for nonstandard waste; N.B.: follow the waste disposal guidelines in the event of contact with chemical substances |
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| Ashes (cold) |  | - |  | Special garbage cans |
| Baby food jars | (with metal lids) |  |  | Container for glass |
| Baking paper |  | $\bullet$ | Reusable baking sheets |  |
| Ballpoint pens |  | - | Replace the refill | Permanent marker collection box |
| Banana peel |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |

Collection box,

| Batteries |  |  |  | Rechargeable batteries | Collection box, usually kept by the janitors; stick tape over the poles if lithium |
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| Books | $\bullet$ |  | (plastic strap) | Re-gift or sell sec-ond-hand |  |
| Bottle caps ("crown caps") |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |
| Bottle tops |  | (if single-trip) |  | Use bottles with a returnable deposit or a water bottle; drink tap water | Leave on the bottle if multi-trip |
| Bread bags | $\bullet$ |  | (if dirty) | Metal or plastic bread tins |  |
| Cable ties |  |  | - |  |  |
| Calendars/diaries (used) | (if unlaminated) |  |  |  |  |
| Candles |  |  | $\bullet$ | Alternative: LED candles |  |
| Cans/tins |  | (without returnable deposit) |  |  | Returns station (multi-trip) |


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Electrical and electronic waste; make data unreadable if necessary (e.g. cut
up)
If from University use: Division 2 will collect work cell phones (if from personal use: collection box or hand in to recycling center/shop/DIY store)

| Cereal bar wrappers | (if paper) | (if plastic) |  |  |  |
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| Chewing gum |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Chewing gum wrappers |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |
| Chicken bones or similar |  |  | - |  |  |
| Chips bags |  | - |  |  |  |
| Chocolate bar wrappers | (if paper) | (if plastic) |  |  |  |
| Cigarette butts |  |  | - | Stop smoking |  |
| Cigarette packs | (paper) | (plastic) |  |  |  |
| Cleaning cloths |  |  | - |  |  |
| Clothes |  |  |  | Buy second-hand or use leftover material as cloths | Container for old clothes |
| Coffee creamer jiggers |  | $\bullet$ |  | Buy larger packs instead of small individual portions |  |
| Coffee filters |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |
| Coffee grounds |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) | Use coffee grounds as organic fertilizer |  |
| Condoms |  |  | - |  |  |
| Cotton buds |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Cotton wool, cotton wool pads |  |  | $\bullet$ | Reusable cloths/pads made from fabric or similar |  |


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| Craft waste | (if paper) |  | $\begin{gathered} \bullet \\ \text { (if } \\ \text { dirty) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Dental floss |  |  | - |  |  |
| Deodorant |  | - |  |  |  |
| Disinfectant bottles (empty) |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |
| Disposable gloves |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | BM-separated into organic and inorganic materials; N.B.: follow the waste disposal guidelines in the event of contact with chemical substances |
| Documents; photocopies | - |  |  |  |  |
| Dowels |  |  | - |  |  |
| Dressings/bandages |  | (plastic packaging) | (used) |  |  |
| Drinks cans |  | (if single-trip) |  | Use a reusable water bottle; drink tap water | Return for deposit if multi-trip |
| Duct tape |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| E-cigarettes |  |  |  |  | Electrical and electronic waste: hand in at a recycling center/shop/DIY store |
| Egg boxes | (if paper) | (if plastic) |  |  |  |
| Electronics |  |  |  |  | If from University use, use the pallet cage for electrical and electronic waste (if from personal use, take to the recycling center or hand in at an electronics or DIY store) |
| Envelopes | (paper envelope) | (window film) |  | For in-house mail: reusable envelopes |  |
| Erasers |  |  | - |  |  |
| Face wipes |  |  | $\bullet$ | Reusable cotton cloths |  |
| Felt-tip pens/permanent markers |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | Or put in a permanent marker collection box at |


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|  |  |  |  |  | various locations; collection boxes can be ordered from Section 4.1 |
| Female hygiene products |  |  | $\bullet$ | Alternatives: menstrual cup, period knickers, etc. |  |
| File folders |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Files for shredding (personal data) |  |  |  |  | Follow the waste disposal guidelines; make a waste disposal request to Section 4.1 |
| Film |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Flyers | (if unlaminated) |  | (if laminated) |  |  |
| Foam rubber |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Folding rules |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Food packaging (single-use) | (paper, clean) | (plastic/styrofoam) | (very dirty) | Use the multi-trip system or bring your own tub; buy fruit and vegetables loose |  |
| Fruit peelings |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |
| Gift ribbons |  |  | $\bullet$ | Wrap presents creatively, e.g. using newspaper or scraps of material |  |
| Glass bottles |  |  |  |  | Bottle bank or, if multi-trip, hand in to supermarket |
| Glue sticks |  | $\bullet$ |  |  | Liquid glue: recycling center |
| Hair bobbles/ clips |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Hand cream packaging (empty) | (cardboard) | (plastic) |  |  |  |
| Handkerchieves |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Highlighters |  |  | $\bullet$ | Colored pencils | Permanent marker collection box |
| Hygiene products |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| Ice cream packaging | (cardboard) |  |  |  |  |


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| IDs from previous semesters | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |  |
| Ink cartridges |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | Fountain pen with refillable cartridge or different kind of pen |  |
| Insulating tape |  |  | - |  |  |
| Kitchen paper (dirty) |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | Washable cloths |  |
| Laminated sheets |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | Avoid laminating sheets or use transparent sleeves as much as possible so that waste can be separated prior to disposal |  |
| Leftover bread |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |
| Leftover food |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | Pack up leftovers and carry them in e.g. a bread tin |  |
| Leftover meat |  |  | - |  |  |
| Lighters |  | (emptied) |  |  | Lighters that still contain some gas must be handed in to a mobile hazardous waste collection vehicle or recycling center |
| Lights |  |  |  | Longer-lasting LED bulbs | If from University use: LEDs and en-ergy-saving light bulbs in the collection box for fluorescent tubes (if from personal use: hand in to recycling center/shop/DIY store) |
| Magazines | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |  |
| Metal tins |  | - |  |  |  |
| Milk cartons |  | - |  |  |  |
| Mustard tubes (empty) |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |
| Nappies |  |  | - |  |  |
| Netting from citrus fruit and vegetables |  | $\bigcirc$ |  | Buy loose; reusable bags |  |


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| Outer packaging |  | - |  |  |  |
| Packaging paper | - |  |  |  |  |
| Paintbrushes |  |  | - |  |  |
| Paper napkins (used) |  |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |
| Paper towels |  |  | - | Washable towels |  |
| Paper, printouts | $\bigcirc$ |  |  | Use unneeded printouts and used paper as scratch paper; print dou-ble-sided; only print what you really need |  |
| Paperclips |  |  | - |  |  |
| Pencil stubs |  |  | - |  |  |
| Pencils |  |  | - |  |  |
| Permanent mark-ers/felt-tip pens |  |  | $\bigcirc$ |  | Or put in a permanent marker collection box at various locations |
| PET bottles (without returnable deposit) |  | - |  | Use bottles with a returnable deposit or reusable containers; drink tap water |  |
| Photos |  |  | - |  |  |
| Pizza boxes | $\bigcirc$ |  | (if very dirty) |  |  |
| Plasters |  |  | - |  |  |
| Plastic bags |  | $\bigcirc$ |  | Reusable or jute bags |  |
| Plastic cups (e.g. from smoothies) |  | $\bigcirc$ |  | Use reusable alternatives |  |
| Plastic wrap |  | $\bigcirc$ |  | Beeswax sheets or tubs |  |
| Potting compost |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |

Return to special collection boxes or straight to the supplier/seller

## Punched pockets

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|  | Receipts | (if paper) |  | (if laminated) |  |  |
|  | Rechargeable batteries |  |  |  |  | The company "erp" has a collection box for up to 500 g ; above this amount, notify Section 4.1 separately |
|  | Ring binders (empty) | (made of paper) |  | (plastic) |  |  |
|  | Roll-on deodorant |  | - |  |  |  |
|  | Rubber gloves |  |  | - |  |  |
|  | Rulers |  |  | - |  |  |
|  | Scrap metal |  |  |  |  | Container for metal, or bulky waste if there isn't one |
|  | Scratch paper | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | Shampoo bottles (empty) |  | $\bullet$ |  | Solid shampoo bars |  |
|  | Shopping bags | (if paper) | (if plastic) |  | Fabric or jute bags |  |
|  | Single-use crockery | (clean paper/wooden parts) |  | (if very dirty) | Reusable or porcelain |  |
|  | Single-use packaging (e.g. takeouts) |  | (just empty; no need to wash) | $\bullet$ | Use reusable alternatives (many providers facilitate this); bring food in your own tub |  |
| $3$ | Soap dispensers (single-use) |  | (emptied) | (containing soap) | Use refillable dispensers |  |
|  | Soup bags |  | - |  |  |  |
|  | Spiral-bound notepads | (paper) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sponge wipes |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
|  | Sponges |  |  | - |  |  |
|  | Spray cans |  | (depressurized) |  |  | containing remnants (including gas!) Mobile hazardous waste collection vehicle |
|  | Spray deodorant |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |
|  | Staples |  |  | $\bullet$ | Use staplers that do not need any metal, and fold the paper in on itself |  |


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| Sticky notes | - |  |  | Whiteboard with erasable marker pen; digital notes |  |
| Sticky tape |  | (inner roll) | (actual tape) |  |  |
| Storage baskets (plastic) |  |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |
| Styrofoam |  | - |  |  |  |
| Superglue |  | (empty) |  |  | Mobile hazardous waste collection vehicle |
| Sweet wrappers | (if paper) | (if plastic) |  |  |  |
| Sweet wrappers |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |
| Tablet packaging, blister packs (empty) | (paper packaging) | - |  |  | For leftover medicine: waste disposal guidelines (Link!) |
| Takeaway coffee cups |  | (if laminated) |  | Reusable cups, such as the Studierendenwerk's LogiCup |  |
| Tarpaulins |  |  | - |  |  |
| Tea bags |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |
| Tea lights |  | (empty) |  | LED lights |  |
| Tetra Pak cartons |  | - |  |  |  |
| Tin cans |  | - |  |  |  |
| Tomato puree tubes (empty) |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |
| Toner |  |  |  |  | Return to special collection boxes or straight to the seller (e.g. Lyreco) |
| Toothbrushes |  |  | - |  |  |
| Toothpaste tubes |  | (empty) | - |  |  |
| Transparent film/sleeves |  |  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |
| Umbrellas |  |  | - |  |  |
| Vacuum cleaner bags |  |  | - |  |  |
| Vacuum packs for coffee |  | - |  |  |  |


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| Vegetable waste |  |  | (green garbage can for organic waste, if there is one) |  |  |
| Whiteboard markers |  |  | - | Use refillable markers | Permanent marker collection box |
| Windfall fruit |  |  | (actually the garbage can for organic waste) | Windfall fruit that has seen better days can often still be used, e.g. to make jam |  |
| Wrapping paper |  |  | - | Wrap presents creatively, e.g. using newspaper or scraps of material |  |
| Yogurt pots | (if paper sleeve) | (remove lids) |  |  |  |

