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You will also find information about certified waste management companies and -organisations as well as representatives of the trading and handicraft sectors.

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For information on the recycling of packaging waste regulated by the Dual Systems, please contact Hallesche Wasser und Stadtwirtschaft GmbH (HWS).

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INFORMATION ON THE COMMERCIAL WASTE ORDINANCE (GewAbfV)

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The aim of the Commercial Waste Ordinance (GewAbfV) is to implement the five-step waste hierarchy (prevention, preparation for further use, recycling, alternative utilisation, in particular utilisation for energy purposes and backfilling, final disposal) and to improve recycling.

With regard to the Commercial Waste Ordinance (GewAbfV), the following obligations are defined:

Any producer and holder of commercial municipal waste is furthermore responsible and liable for the proper waste separation as well as its disposal.

Waste regulation

Particular types of commercial municipal waste need to be collected separately and should be first prepared for reuse or recycling. This includes the following waste fractions:

1. paper, cardboard and carton (PPK) with the exception of sanitary tissue paper
2. glass
3. plastics
4. metals
5. wood
6. textile
7. biowaste
8. other waste such as production-specific waste


Exceptions to the waste regulations

Under certain circumstances, if separation is not possible (technically impossible or economically unreasonable), this separation obligation lapses. In this case, these waste mixtures need to be fed into a pre-treatment system. This is a recycling system that sorts the waste according to strict criteria and then feeds the recyclable materials back into the recycling chain.

If this treatment of the waste mixtures in a pre-treatment facility is proven not to be possible, they also have to be sent for energy recovery in exceptional cases. This special regulation also applies for commercial enterprises providing a separate collection rate of more than 90 percent. For this purpose, the waste mixtures have to fulfil certain requirements.

Obligations on documentation for waste production

All producers and holders of commercial municipal waste are required to keep detailed records. Documentation is required to prove compliance with the separation obligation or the existence of an exception to the separation obligation. For the content of the documentation in the various cases, you can find information in § 3 Chap. 3 and § 4 Chap. 5 of the Commercial Waste Ordinance (GewAbfV). There are no specific requirements with regard to form. The documentation must be presented to the local waste authority upon request.

At  you will find the form for the Commercial Waste Ordinance, which you can use as a preliminary sheet for documentation, alternatively you may contact your certified waste management company.

Please keep records on the amounts of the different types of waste as well as on their disposal methods and addresses for each individual operating facility. Please ensure your waste management company confirms that your separately collected recyclable materials are processed for recycling.

When may an exception to the waste separation be made?

Waste separation is not required, if it is proven to be „technically impossible“ or „economically unreasonable“.

For example, it would be technically impossible to separate waste in case of lack of space for a large number of different waste containers.

If the cost of separate collection is much higher than for mixed collection, this is considered to be economically unreasonable.

Documentation is mandatory, if you have such an exception. It is the only way you can collect mixed waste for recycling and send it to a pre-treatment facility. No medical waste is allowed in these mixtures as well as a very small amount of biowaste and glass (< 5 mass percent).

Recyclable material mixtures are not to be made into waste for disposal!

Minimal amounts of commercial municipal waste (under 50 kg per week in total)

Minimal amounts of commercial municipal waste can be collected together with the waste from private households in the containers provided on each property. Such collection is only permissible if, due to the small amount of commercial waste, it is no longer economically viable to fulfil the obligations of separate collection and recycling.

Container for compulsory residual waste as defined in § 7 the Commercial Waste Ordinance (GewAbfV)

Nonrecyclable commercial municipal waste is to be provided to the City of Halle (Saale). For this purpose, waste owners must use residual waste containers of Hallesche Wasser und Stadtwirtschaft GmbH (HWS) provided to an appropriate extent, but at least in the form of one container (compulsory obligation regarding container usage and its installation). Please follow the specific regulations of the current waste management directive of the city of Halle (Saale).

Construction and demolition waste

Producers and holders of some construction and demolition waste are obliged to collect, handle and recycle it separately. Obligatory documentation also applies here (above a total volume of 10 cubic metres per operation).

More detailed information is available at

