



How to sort and pack bio-waste

Getting started with bio-waste sorting

- 1 Find or obtain a suitable collection container for bio-waste in the kitchen. It can be any suitable container you already have at home, or a purpose-made bio-waste caddy bought from a shop.
- 2 Choose a place in the kitchen for the bio-waste collection container.
- 3 When you use a ventilated bio-waste bin, bio-waste must be wrapped in paper. Suitable packaging includes newspaper, a paper bag such as a sugar or flour bag, or a paper bio-waste bag sold in shops.

What belongs in bio-waste?

Bio-waste is food and food-product waste generated in the kitchen. Garden waste does not belong in bio-waste.

Bio-waste includes

- food scraps
- dried-out and spoiled food
- fruit, vegetable and eggshells
- fish-cleaning and berry-cleaning residues
- coffee grounds and tea leaves, including filters and bags
- egg cartons
- soft paper such as kitchen paper
- wilted flowers and plant parts

Do not include stones, sand, cat litter, soil, twigs or branches.

Pack bio-waste in paper

Bio-waste must be wrapped in paper when a ventilated bio-waste bin is used. The idea of the ventilated bin is that when the bio-waste is allowed to dry somewhat, the odours it produces are reduced.

Suitable packaging includes paper bags or newspaper. Paper bio-waste bags are sold in grocery stores. A large protective liner bag must not be used in a ventilated bio-waste bin.

A paper bag stays intact if the bio-waste is allowed to dry before packing when necessary and the bag is changed often enough. A piece of egg carton or kitchen paper can be placed at the bottom of the bag to absorb moisture. In the kitchen, it is best to keep the bag in a well-ventilated, lidless container.



SUITABLE PACKAGING FOR BIO-WASTE INCLUDES:

- newspaper wrapping or a bag folded from newspaper
- a flour, sugar or other paper bag
- plastic-free cardboard packaging, such as an oatmeal box
- a paper bio-waste bag sold in shops

Do not use a plastic bag, a bag made of bioplastic, or paper/cardboard packaging with a plastic window.