

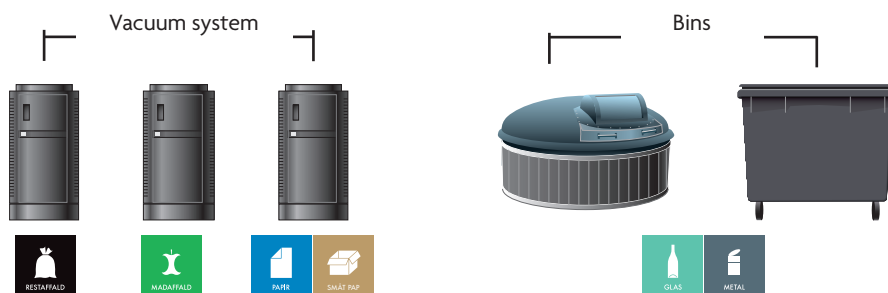
December 2019

New waste system in Odense - also for underground waste vacuum system

Odense Waste Management and Odense Municipality is implementing a new waste system in Odense where all households and public institutions must sort their waste according to the new system. On **December 16 2019** all households connected to the underground waste vacuum system in the city center will be a part of the new waste system.

From the December 16 you have to sort your waste into the following categories:

- **Residual waste:** Residual waste is sorted in a bag and disposed in inlets or chutes - remember to tie a knot. Maximum size of the bag: 15 liters.
- **Food waste:** Food waste is sorted in green bags and disposed in inlets - remember to tie a knot. Maximum size of the bag: 15 liters.
- **Paper and small cardboard:** Paper and small cardboard are disposed in inlets. Paper and small cardboard items should be placed loose in the inlets.
- **Glass & metal:** Glass and metal are disposed in bins, cubes or underground containers. Glass and metal items should be placed loose in the bin, cubes or underground container. In Odense there are three public glass & metal bins – you find them in Enggade, Skulkenborg and Promenadebyen.



Take care of the underground waste vacuum system

There are a few and very simple rules that need to be followed in order to protect the underground waste vacuum system from malfunctioning.

1. **No glass or metal in the waste vacuum system**
It is important that glass and metal items are not disposed in the waste vacuum system. Glass and metal are solid materials that will damage the underground pipes. Therefore, glass and metal items should be disposed in bins that are not part of the underground waste vacuum system.
2. **No bags above 15 liters in the waste vacuum system**
Bags above 15 liters will cause the system to stop. Therefore, only bags at max. 15 liters can be disposed in the underground waste vacuum system.
3. **No bulky waste items in the waste vacuum system**
No bulky waste items like pizza boxes, cardboard boxes of flamingo, umbrellas etc. as this will cause the system to stop. Bulky waste items should be handed in at one of the 8 recycling centers in Odense.

What about plastic?

Plastic waste is not collected in the new waste sorting system, and therefore it will not be possible to dispose plastic waste in the underground waste vacuum system anymore. Odense Municipality and Odense Waste Management are working for a long-term solution for recycling of plastic, where residual waste is to be sorted in a sorting facility that is able to sort out plastic in different plastic types e.g. PET and PE-HD as well as other recyclables. The objective is to give Odense a long-term state-of-the-art waste solution with a high recycling standard. Until the sorting facility is ready, you have to hand in plastic at the recycling center.

Prices in the new waste sorting system

The prices will stay the same in 2019. From January there will be an adjustment of the prices. See prices for 2020 at www.odenserenovation.dk/priser

Sorting guide in your letter box

Before the December 16. you will receive a sorting guide in your letter box. The sorting guide is also available at www.odensewaste.com/new-waste-system

Start kit helps your waste sorting

You will receive a start kit with one bucket for food waste, one year supply of green bags for food waste, one magnetic sorting guide and one sheet of stickers for indoor sorting. However, households living in the new Thomas B. Thrige-area, who have a food waste disposer installed in the kitchen sink, will not receive the bucket nor the green bags for food waste. The start kits are delivered at the property. Ask the superintendent or property-owner about where the start package can be claimed. If there are not any superintendent the start kits are delivered at the front door.



Information meetings and events - learn more about the new waste sorting system

We arrange a series of information meetings, where you can learn more about the new waste sorting system. In addition, you will find us at several events in the city. You might also experience a visit from our team of green guides at your household. The green guides will guide you with your waste sorting. See where you can meet us at www.odensewaste.com/info-meetings.

See list of information meetings – all meetings are from 7 to 8 in the evening.

Thursday 14 January 2020	at Marienlystcentret
Thursday 18 February 2020	at Tarup Bibliotek
Thursday 19 March 2020	at Fraugdehallen
Thursday 21 April 2020	at H.C. Andersen Skolen
Wednesday 13 May 2020	at Bellinge Idrætscenter

Learn more about how the underground waste vacuum system works

On Wednesday January 22 we invite you to see how the underground waste vacuum system functions. It takes place at the heart of the waste vacuum system at Enggade 13, 5000 Odense C. You register by sending an e-mail to kommunikation@odenserenovation.dk before January 15.

Recycling makes a difference and the new waste system will make it easier to recycle in order to help the environment and save natural resources.

Best regards

Odense Municipality and Odense Renovation A/S