

## Basic information

For details on collections and information on collection dates and points, please refer to the current refuse collection calendar (*Entsorgungskalender*). There are two systems of refuse disposal in the municipality of Freienbach:

### Bring system

- refuse or recyclable materials are brought to a collection point
- the refuse collection calendar contains an overview of all collection points
- please note opening times and public holidays (refuse collection calendar, p.14)

### Collection system

- refuse or recyclable material is collected from outside your home
- for hygiene reasons, please do not put refuse out for collection before the relevant collection day

### Information

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## Refuse (*Kehricht*)

Refuse includes any "normal" household waste. Do not put hazardous waste (batteries, oil, chemicals or medication, etc.) or recyclable waste (paper, cardboard, metal and glass, etc.) in household refuse.

### Collection system

Refuse will be collected once a week from the designated location. Refuse will only be collected in official bin bags, available from various points of sale (see refuse collection calendar, p.3). Put the bin bag out on the day of collection, before 7 a.m.

### Bring system

Refuse can be brought in bin bags or other closed containers to the main collection point at Gwatt, or to the collection points at Wilen railway station, Bäch railway station, Freienbach Bollenweid or Pfäffikon City, where disposal is charged by weight. A refuse card for this purpose is available at the main collection point at Gwatt in Pfäffikon.

## Bulky refuse (*Sperrgut*)

Bulky refuse is any burnable waste that does not fit into a bin bag (boxes, furniture, mattresses, etc). Bulky refuse may not be larger than 180 x 50 x 100 cm.

### Collection system

Bulky refuse is collected along with household refuse. Bulky refuse must be labelled with a bulky refuse label (1 label per 10 kg bulky refuse). Put the bulky refuse out on the day of collection, before 7 a.m. Example:

Chairs, small objects	1 label
Cupboard parts, drawers, skis	2 labels
Armchairs, single mattresses	3 labels

Bulky refuse labels (*Sperrgutmarken*) are available at various points of sale (see refuse collection calendar p. 3)

### Bring system

Bulky refuse can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where it is disposed of by weight.

## Organic waste (*Grüngut*)

Info stickers for organic waste containers are available from the Environmental Health Office free of charge. You can put domestic kitchen or garden waste in your organic waste container (no vacuum cleaner bags, ashes or shells).

### Garden

- Grass, hedge or tree cuttings
- Flower and vegetable plants
- Leaves, weeds, windfall
- Balcony or pot plants (without pot), cut flowers

### Domestic

- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Leftovers (cheese, bread, pasta, meat and fish, including bones)
- Fruit peel, nutshells and eggshells
- Tea-leaves or ground coffee plus filter paper
- Small pet litter, cat sand and litter (without excrement)
- Kitchen roll and compostable bags

### Collection system

Put organic waste out for collection in the organic waste container (from 140 l) or in bundles no more than 150 cm long (loose material, baskets or sacks will not be collected). Organic waste is collected free of charge once a week; in the winter months (December – February) it is collected once a month. Organic waste should be put out on the morning of collection, in the same place as household waste, by 7 a.m.

### Bring system

Organic waste can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge.

### Shredding service

Tree and hedge cuttings can be reused in your own garden. A shredding service is offered six Saturdays per year. Cuttings will be shredded in your own garden. You can book an appointment directly with Landolt Transport AG, tel. 055 410 10 10. The council will bear the costs incurred for 15 minutes of shredding.

## Waste paper (*Altpapier*)

The waste paper collection is for newspapers, magazines, books (no board books or plastic jackets), exercise books, catalogues, telephone books and waste paper. Do not put the following in the waste paper collection: cardboard, Tetra Pak cartons (household refuse) and shopping bags (classed as cardboard).

Letterbox stickers which state "Bitte keine Werbung" (No advertising please) can be obtained free of charge from the Environmental Health Office.

### Collection system

Waste paper should be bundled and tied with string (no sticky tape) and left for collection in a conspicuous place by the side of the road. Waste paper in bags or boxes will not be collected. Please make sure the bundles are not too heavy as children collect the waste paper five times a year. (Maximum height of bundle: 15 cm.) Collection is free of charge.

### Bring system

Waste paper can be tied in a bundle and brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge.

## Cardboard (*Karton*)

Cardboard boxes or packaging made of cardboard or corrugated paper should be disposed of in the waste cardboard collection. Paper, Tetra Pak cartons and frozen food packaging

are not included. Any non-cardboard parts, such as polystyrene, plastics, sticky tape or metal, must be removed first.

## Collection system

Cardboard must be folded flat or bundled for collection (maximum bundle size: 100 x 70 x 20 cm). Loose cardboard or closed boxes will not be collected. Cardboard is collected once a month free of charge and should be placed in a conspicuous place by the side of the road on the morning of collection before 7 a.m.

## Bring system

Cardboard can be folded flat or bundled and brought to the main collection point at Gwatt. Disposal is free of charge. Cardboard must not be left at other collection points.

## Clothes (*Textilien*)

Clean clothing, textiles of all kinds and shoes (no ski shoes) can be disposed of in the used clothes collection.

## Collection system

Twice a year during one month, TEXAID and the swiss post office collect clothes and shoes. Bags are distributed to each household for this purpose prior to collection. Please place the bag in plain sight and in a dry spot next to your post box. Your postman will collect the full bag. Collection is free of charge.

## Bring system

Clothes and textiles can be brought in bags to most collection points, where disposal is free of charge.

## Scrap metal (*Altmetail*)

Bulky metal objects such as car luggage racks, bicycles, wire, clothes horses, ironing boards, pots, pans and baking tins should be disposed of as scrap metal.

## Bring system

Scrap metal can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge.

## Small metal objects

Small metal objects such as cans, tins, food packaging tubes and aluminium foil can be brought to the aluminium and tin can containers at the various collection points. Labels and plastic lids must be removed first.

Tins of paint or varnish and aerosol cans can be disposed of free of charge at the main collection point.

## Miscellaneous refuse (*Diverse*)

### Batteries

Batteries can be returned to the point of purchase. There are also receptacles for small used batteries at the various collection points. Disposal is free of charge.

### Chemicals/paint/poisons/medication

Chemicals, paint, poisons and medication are all hazardous waste and must never be disposed of in household bin bags, or down the toilet or sink. They can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt or returned to the point of sale free of charge.

### Electrical and electronic devices

Electronic devices related to IT, home entertainment or telecommunications (typewriters, fax machines, copiers, laptops, cameras, mobile phones, CDs, floppy discs, etc.) and household appliances of all sizes (home entertainment or office appliances, televisions, radios, stereo systems, etc.) can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where they can be disposed of free of charge.

### Glass

Glass bottles, vinegar and oil bottles and all food packaging made of glass can be brought to the various collection points and disposed of free of charge. There are different containers for each glass colour. Lids and fasteners must be removed first. Drinking glasses, cups, vases, mirrors and window panes are classed as mineral waste and can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where they will be disposed of subject to a charge. Blue glass, red glass and glass of indeterminate colour should be placed in the green glass container.

### Capsules

Aluminium capsules (e.g. Nespresso) can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge.

### Cork

Corks can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge.

### Light bulbs

Energy-saving light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, lights and lamps can be brought to the main collection point at Gwatt, where disposal is free of charge. Energy-saving light bulbs contain mercury. Please be careful when disposing of them.

### Oil

Engine oil and cooking oil can be disposed of free of charge at most collection points.

### Plastic bottles

Plastic drinks bottles must be returned to the point of sale. All shops which sell drinks in plastic bottles are legally required to take back empty plastic bottles. The following plastic bottles are NOT included: oil, vinegar, white milk bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles, bottles made of plastics other than PET plastic.

## Charges (*Gebühren*)

The charges cover the cost of waste collection, transport and incineration.

### Collection system

Official bin bags

- 17 litre CHF 1.10 per bag
- 35 litre CHF 2.00 per bag
- 110 litre CHF 4.30 per bag
- Bulky refuse labels CHF 4 per label (per 10 kg bulky refuse)

### Bring system (main collection point, Gwatt)

Refuse	CHF 0.30 per kg
Bulky refuse	CHF 0.50 per kg
Mineral waste	CHF 0.10 per kg

The basic charge covers infrastructure costs plus the maintenance of the collection points and the disposal of recyclable materials such as glass or cardboard. The basic charge also covers free collections (organic waste, paper, scrap metal), services and administration.

### Basic charge

Apartments up to 2.5 rooms/loft	CHF 40 per annum
Apartments with 3 or more rooms	CHF 80 per annum
Commercial enterprises, companies	CHF 80 per annum