

INFORMATION CONTRACT TYPE "MATAVFALLSINSAMLING"

WASTE FROM COOKING, LEFTOVERS AND PEEL IS NOT JUST RUBBISH!

Food waste is a resource that we need to utilise. Sorting out the food waste from the other household waste means doing an extra bit for the environment. The food waste is being used for producing biogas which is used as automotive fuel. 12 bags will get you 50 kilometres of driving!

WHAT IS REGARDED AS FOOD WASTE?

Food waste is all waste emanating from plants or animals, used when preparing food. We also regard a few extra items as food waste, from a sorting point of view, e.g. coffee filters, tea bags and used kitchen roll paper and paper napkins.

THESE ITEMS ARE EXAMPLES OF THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE PUT IN THE FOOD WASTE PAPER BAG AND THEN IN THE BROWN BIN:

- All kinds of waste from preparing and cooking food, raw or cooked
- Beef, sausages, fish, pork, chicken, shellfish
- Fruit and vegetables, peels
- Bread and biscuits, cakes
- Eggshell
- Coffegrounds and used filters, tea bags
- Kitchen roll, paper napkins
- Flowers and plants

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN THE BROWN BIN, BUT IN THE GREEN ONE:

- Tobacco
- Chewing gum
- Cat litter
- Toilet requisites (nappies, sanitary pads, tampons, cotton buds, disposable razors, toothbrushes
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Oven parchment
- Hair
- Dish-washing brushes
- Cleaning cloths
- Envelopes
- Dog-poo bags

HOW TO START SORTING YOUR FOOD WASTE (Contract type, “Matavfallsinsamling”)



Place your bag holder under your sink, either on the cupboard floor or on the door. Put the supplied brown paper bag in the holder. It is important that you only use the bags intended for the purpose!



Let the food waste drain in the sink for a while to remove excess water. If this is not enough you may also put a few newspaper pages or a flattened egg carton in the bottom of the bag to keep it dry.



In order to be able to seal the bag by folding the top bit, please do not fill the bag to more than the level indicated by the line. If you experience problems with bags that are too moist and break when handled, please change the bags more frequently. Put the paper bags in the brown bin. The bin will be emptied at the same time as your green bin. The refuse collection vehicle has two separate compartments; one for normal waste from the green bin and another for the food waste from the brown bin.

SUMMER TIPS FOR YOUR BROWN BIN

During the warm months, there may be some issues with smell and flies. In order to minimise this, you may;

- Store your bins in a shaded area if possible
- Do not skip a collection date, even if your bin is not completely full
- Dab a bit of vinegar on the rim and on the bottom of the bin to prevent fly maggots
- Keep your food waste as dry as possible so the paper bags do not rip open
- Fold a bit of kitchen roll around very wet waste
- Rinse shells from shellfish or fish bones in cold water or freeze it to minimise smell
- Make sure the brown paper bag is sealed properly
- Clean the paper bag holder regularly

If you feel that the problems in the warmest weeks are too much, please get in touch. In some cases, it may be necessary to use an extra lining bag in the bin. These lining bags are available at our main office (Industrigatan 5, Emmaboda).

WINTER TIPS FOR YOUR BROWN BIN

During the cold months, the brown bags may freeze and stick to the sides of the brown bin. To reduce the risk of this, you may;

- Let the food waste drain in the sink before putting it in the paper bag - the drier the waste, the less risk of freezing and getting stuck
- Use kitchen roll to get the food waste from the sink, or use a sink scraper. You may also put a few newspaper pages or a flattened egg carton in the bottom of the bag to keep it dry
- Avoid breaking the paper bag when putting it into the brown bin. In order to be able to seal the bag by folding the top bit, please do not fill the bag to more than the level indicated by the line
- Leave the filled paper bag outdoors to freeze before putting it in the brown bin
- Keep you bin clean - a clean bin reduces the risk of the bags sticking to the side
- Shake the bin or hit it with a broomstick on the sides to loosen any stuck bags
- If possible, you may put the brown bin in a warmer space for a while before the collection so any stuck bags are released.

Please note that if, despite you efforts, bags stick to the sides of the bin and remain in the bin after emptying, their weight will not be charged to your bill. The refuse collection vehicle weighs the bin before and after emptying and only the difference in weight is registered. You will only pay for what is actually collected.

If you feel that the problems in the coldest weeks are too much, please get in touch. In some cases, it may be necessary to use an extra lining bag in the bin. These lining bags are available at our main office (Industrigatan 5, Emmaboda).