

# Hand in electrical appliances for disposal

Do you have electrical appliances at home that no longer work or that you would like to hand in? Find out here where you can hand in your electrical appliances.

### **Competent Department**

- Die Bremer Stadtreinigung
- Recycling-Station Blockland
- Recycling-Station Burglesum
- Recycling-Station Hohentor
- Recycling-Station Hastedt
- Recycling-Station Kirchhuchting
- Recycling-Station Blumenthal

#### **Basic information**

Electrical appliances contain valuable and sometimes rare raw materials that can be recycled. You are also obliged to dispose of these appliances separately from residual waste, as some of the pollutants they still contain can pose environmental risks.

Small waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) can be disposed of free of charge at all recycling and green stations. Large electrical appliances can be delivered to the Blockland, Burglesum, Hohentor, Hastedt and Kirchhuchting recycling stations. Many retailers also take back old electrical appliances in their stores.

- What counts as large electrical appliances?
  - Refrigerators and freezers, washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwashers, stoves, electric heaters, air conditioning units, permanently installed heating and hot water appliances, televisions, monitors, printers, electric lawnmowers, floor lamps
- What counts as small electrical appliances?
  - Coffee machines, toasters, hair dryers, electric toothbrushes, shavers, vacuum cleaners, cell phones, drills, radio, video, CD and DVD players, PCs, fairy lights, desk lamps, plugs, sockets, power strips

In addition to harmful substances such as heavy metals and CFCs, they also contain a number of recyclable materials that need to be recovered and recycled. If WEEE is disposed of properly, it can replace primary raw materials (and thus their costly extraction) and make a significant contribution to conserving natural resources.

### Requirements

- The delivery of waste and recyclable materials is only permitted with vehicles with a permissible total weight of up to 3.5 tons
- The delivery of waste and recyclable materials must be sorted by type and free from harmful contamination and adhesions.
- The waste electrical appliances come from a private household in Bremen that is connected to the municipal waste disposal system.

#### What documents do I need?

Official proof of identity or fee notice (original)

In justified cases, the joint presentation of the official proof of identity and the fee notice may be requested.

· Declaration of waste origin

Upon request, the deliverers must sign a declaration stating their name, address including telephone number and presenting official proof of identity, in which the exact private origin of the waste and/or recyclables is stated and confirmed.

## **Procedure**

- Small electrical appliances are accepted at all recycling and green stations. You can
  also use the containers for small electrical appliances at the many container sites in
  the city.
- You can deliver large electrical appliances to the Blockland, Burglesum, Hohentor, Hastedt and Kirchhuchting recycling stations - or have them collected by the bulky waste collection service.
- Only the Blockland recycling station accepts photovoltaic modules and night storage heaters.
- Batteries and rechargeable batteries (up to 500 g) are accepted at all recycling stations and in all stores that also sell them
- Rechargeable batteries over 500 g and bicycle batteries are only accepted at the Blockland and Hastedt recycling stations
- Energy-saving lamps, LED lamps and max. 20 fluorescent tubes are accepted at all recycling stations
- CDs/DVDs, printer cartridges and toner cartridges are accepted at all recycling stations
- If you have permanently installed equipment, you should dispose of it via a specialist electrical company. The company will usually dispose of the old appliances when they are replaced.
- Delete all personal data from your data carriers, for example with special programs.
- Batteries and lithium-ion batteries must if possible be disposed of separately from the electrical appliance. Please protect the lithium-ion batteries from short circuits by packaging them separately or taping over the terminals.

### Legal bases

- § 20 Kreislaufwirtschaftsgesetz (KrWG)
- § 13 Elektro- und Elektronikgerätegesetz (ElektroG)
- § 8a Ortsgesetz über die Entsorgung von Abfällen in der Stadtgemeinde Bremen (Abfallortsgesetz)

#### More information

- An overview of the stations and their acceptances can be found at Die Bremer Stadtreinigung under Recycling and green stations.
- Removable batteries must be disposed of separately.
- To further promote the recycling and reuse of used electrical appliances and conserve more raw materials, there are additional offers: For example, you can have your appliances repaired at Repair Cafés or hand in or give away appliances that are still working at some recycling stations so that it can be reused.
- Illegal collections and removal from containers and bulky waste are a danger to the
  environment. Often, only the valuable raw materials are removed and the leftovers are
  disposed of illegally. This harms the environment and wastes valuable resources. You
  can act responsibly and in an environmentally conscious manner by only handing in
  your disused electrical appliances to authorized collection points.

### What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There are no deadlines.

# How long does it take to process

There may be waiting times at the recycling stations if there is a high volume of customers

#### What are the costs?

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