

Show commercial and non-profit collections of used textiles, metals, paper and other recyclables

If you wish to collect used textiles, metals, paper or other recyclable materials in Bremen or Bremerhaven for commercial or non-profit purposes, you must notify the competent authority.

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Bau, Mobilität und Stadtentwicklung](#)
- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft](#)

Basic information

According to the Closed Substance Cycle and Waste Management Act, it is permissible to collect recyclable materials subject to compulsory surrender for commercial or charitable purposes. A prerequisite is that the collection is reported to the competent authority beforehand.

Procedure

Both commercial and non-profit collections must be notified to the competent authority. The competent authority for the State of Bremen is the Senator for Environment, Construction and Transport.

The notification of a commercial collection must be enclosed in accordance with the regulations of the Closed Substance Cycle Waste Management Act:

- Information on the size and organisation of the collection company,
- information on the nature, extent and duration, in particular the maximum possible extent and minimum duration of the collection,
- Information on the type, quantity and whereabouts of the waste to be recovered,
- a description of the recovery routes envisaged within the notified period, including the measures necessary to ensure their capacities, and
- a description of how the proper and harmless recovery of the collected waste is ensured within the recovery routes set out in point 4.

The notification of a collection for the public good shall be accompanied by the following

- information on the size and organization of the institution of the non-profit collection and, where appropriate, of the third party charged with the collection, and

- information on the nature, extent and duration of the collection.

In order to prove the correctness of the information given in the notification, it must contain various documents, e.g. a trade certificate, a notification according to §53 of the Closed Substance Cycle Waste Management Act on the permissibility of the collection activity and proof of the recovery of the collected recyclable materials. For this purpose, the competent authority shall provide a questionnaire to be requested from it.

The competent authority shall request the public waste management authority for its opinion and shall decide whether it consents to the collection, imposes deadlines and conditions on the consent or prohibits the collection.

Legal bases

- [Gesetz zur Förderung der Kreislaufwirtschaft und Sicherung der umweltverträglichen Bewirtschaftung von Abfällen \(KrWG\) § 18 Anzeigeverfahren für Sammlungen](#)

More information

If commercial collection is discontinued before the expiry of a deadline set by the authorities or is substantially reduced within this period in derogation from the conditions or requirements laid down by the authorities, the provider of commercial collection shall be obliged to reimburse the public waste management authority concerned for the additional expenditure required for the collection and recovery of the waste previously covered by commercial collection. In order to secure the claim for compensation, the competent authority may require the institution of commercial collection to provide a guarantee.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The notification must be made at least three months before the intended start of the collection.

What are the costs?

Administrative fees are incurred