

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 charitable purposes, you must notify the responsible 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 Waste Management Act, it is permissible to collect recyclable materials subject to mandatory disposal for commercial or charitable purposes. The prerequisite is that the collection is reported to the responsible authority beforehand.

Procedure

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Closed Substance Cycle Waste Management Act, the notification of a commercial collection must include

- Information on the size and organization of the collection company,
- Information on the type, scope and duration, in particular the maximum possible scope and minimum duration of the collection,
- information on the type, quantity and whereabouts of the waste to be recycled,
- a description of the recovery routes planned within the notified period, including the measures required to ensure their capacity, and
- a description of how the proper and harmless recovery of the collected waste will be ensured within the scope of the recovery routes in accordance with number 4.

The notification of a non-profit collection must be accompanied by

- Information on the size and organization of the provider of the charitable collection and, if applicable, of the third party commissioned with the collection, as well as

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

In order to prove the accuracy of the information provided in the notification, it must contain various documents, e.g. a trade certificate, a notification in accordance with §53 of the Closed Substance Cycle and Waste Management Act on the permissibility of the collection activity and evidence of the recycling of the collected recyclables. The competent authority provides a questionnaire for this purpose, which must be requested from it.

The competent authority requests a statement from the public waste management company and decides whether to approve the collection, impose deadlines and conditions on the approval or prohibit the collection.

Legal bases

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

More information

If the commercial collection is discontinued before the expiry of a deadline set by the authority or if it is significantly restricted within this period in deviation from the conditions or requirements set by the authority, the responsible body for the commercial collection is obliged to compensate the public waste management authority concerned for the additional expenses required for the collection and recovery of the waste previously covered by the commercial collection. In order to secure the claim for compensation, the competent authority may impose a security deposit on the carrier of the commercial collection.

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