

# Empty the bag and sort the contents

As of April 2022, we no longer accept bags, boxes or cartons of waste at the recycling centres in Bollnäs and Edsbyn. Sort the contents before emptying them in the right place.

The amount of waste that is burned needs to be reduced. A big step in the right direction is to sort out everything that can be recycled, so that fewer things end up in the containers for combustibles at our recycling centres.

## Why you should sort

There are many good reasons to sort, reuse and recycle your waste:

- You'll help to keep the waste bill down. It costs money in the form of fees and taxes to send materials for incineration.
- You avoid sending materials that can be reused and recycled for incineration.
- You contribute to a sustainable future by using fewer raw materials for new products.

#### Do this

**AT HOME:** Sort the waste at home. Label different containers according to material). This will make sorting easier and faster when you visit the recycling centre.

**AT THE RECYCLING CENTRE:** Empty your sorted waste in the right place. Feel free to ask our staff on site when you need help sorting! Once you have emptied the bag/box, you can reuse it, leave it for recycling or in our placed bag holders.



Sort the waste already at home. Label different containers according to material, e.g. electronics, textile recycling, hazardous waste, combustible, metal, light bulbs and batteries. You can of course continue to pack and transport the material in sacks and boxes, as long as you empty out or put the contents in the right place.



## We help you do the right thing

At the recycling centre, our staff will be happy to answer questions about how different materials should be sorted. Did you know, for example, that even torn clothes should be left at the Recycling Centre/Second hand or in the Human Bridge collection containers? Then the clothes go to textile recycling.

In the combustible container, just throw away what cannot be recycled in one of the other containers or left at the Rercycling Centre. Examples of combustible waste are:

- carpets
- broken plastic furniture
- blankets and pillows
- CD's
- VHS and cassette tapes

#### **Exceptions when bags are needed**

The following exceptions shall continue to be delivered in closed bags:

- Asbestos/eternite Dispose of in container for asbestos
- **Invasive species** (eg lupins and park slime) Disposed of in container/bin for invasive species
- Cat litter- thrown in a container for landfill/material that is not recycled.
- Collection to Human Brigade and Recycling Centre/Second hand.

#### Waste that cannot be sorted?

All waste can be sorted! Are you unsure of what to put in which container? Ask the staff at the recycling centre or contact our customer service via tel. 0278 - 255 22 or e-mail:<u>info@borab.se</u>.

## Our common goal

One of the goals we have worked towards is that the amount of bulky waste that is burned up for energy recovery will decrease by 25 percent in 2025 compared to 2019 (kg/person). This means more materials for recycling and reuse as well as reduced carbon dioxide emissions - a major contribution to our environment.

The "Empty the sack" change has been implemented with positive results in Falun, Gävle, Västerås, Örebro and Jönköping, among others. In Västerås, the amount of waste for incineration has decreased by 50 percent since the start in May 2018.

## Did you know?

Last year, waste incineration cost just over SEK 6 million for households in the municipalities of Bollnäs and Ovanåker. Right now, it costs SEK 816/ton to burn waste, and it will be even more expensive. So by sorting, reusing and recycling your waste, you are helping to keep the waste bill down.

#### Waste bills in brief

The waste bill must cover all costs for collecting and handling waste from households, including the operation of the recycling centres - these things must not be financed by anything other than the fee from households and must not be profitable.