

Waste management at the local or regional level



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Waste management obligations



Local Government
Act (Cap. 363)



Environment Protection
Act (Cap. 549)

Waste management and cleansing

- **LCs** are:
 - responsible for the collection and removal of all refuse and are to ensure good waste management in the LC;
 - to provide and maintain dust bins for waste collection.
 - **RCs** are responsible to issue tenders on behalf of their LCs for waste management.
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Environment Protection Act (Cap. 549)

Roles of the LCs and RCs under the EPA are outlined in the:

1. Waste Management (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations – S.L.549.43
 2. Waste Regulations – S.L. 549.63
 3. Abandonment, Dumping and Disposal of Waste in Streets and Public Places or Areas Regulations – S.L. 549.40
 4. Waste Management (Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations – S.L.549.89
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Door-to-door Collection and treatment of municipal packaging waste

- RC to set up systems for the door-to-door collection of municipal packaging waste and treatment of the collected waste as per regional tenders/contracts.
 - RCs to attain the targets set out in Schedule 3 of S.L. 549.43 for the municipal packaging waste generated in the regions.
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Packaging waste

Waste Stream		Current target (up to 2024)
Plastic		22.5%
Paper/ Cardboard		60%
Glass		60%
Metal	Ferrous	50%
	Aluminium	
Wood		15%
Total		55%

Recycling points (Bring-in-sites)

- LCs shall have arrangements with a PRO for:
 - Provision and maintenance of recycling points for separate collection by stream i.e. glass, paper, metal & plastic – *per 2000 inhabitants*
 - Collection and transport of separate waste streams

Separately collected waste from recycling points that is recycled shall contribute to the attainment of the recycling target by the RC (data to be obtained by region).

RCs shall make publicly available information related to:

- (a) the selection procedure for waste management operators;
 - (b) the costs charged to authorised packaging waste recovery organisations per tonne of municipal packaging waste collected and treated; and
 - (c) the attainment of the targets
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How are the targets to be achieved by each RC calculated?

Generated packaging waste by weight and material →

- Packaging waste in the black bag
- Packaging waste in the grey/green bag
- Packaging waste in the Recycling points
- Packaging waste in the door to door glass collection

Recycled packaging waste by weight and material →

- Packaging waste by weight and material that has been recycled
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Reporting to the Authority

- RC to submit a **half yearly** report to the Authority (within 3 months from end of that period) i.e. by end September of each year.
 - RC to submit an **annual yearly** report to the Authority (within 4 months from end of year) i.e. by end April of each year.
 - Reports submitted to the Authority shall be **audited** by an independent auditor (approved by the CA). Audit report to be submitted with the annual report.
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Collection Schedules (S.L. 549.40)

- Waste collection must be carried out according to the harmonised collection schedule established in S.L. 549.40.
 - Collection times for each Local Council to be communicated to ERA through the Department for Local Government (DLG).
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Separation of waste at source (S.L.549.63)

In view of the obligation to separate waste at source, LCs are to lead by example and set up systems such as adequate bins for the separation of recyclable waste at source for at least:

- (a) paper;
- (b) metal;
- (c) plastic;
- (d) glass; and
- (e) bio-waste

This can include co-mingled collection of waste streams in line with the collection schedule.

Stalls in public places (S.L.549.40)

In case where a number of hawkers or street sellers or stalls are operating in a specific context, such as **open air markets, public events, village feasts or similar**, LCs shall ensure that bins for the separate collection of waste are provided, at their own expense or at the expense of the licensed hawker or street seller or stall owner, for the separate collection of:

- (a) organic waste;
 - (b) glass;
 - (c) metal, plastic, cardboard and paper; and
 - (d) mixed waste:
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To facilitate separate collection → **Measure 21 in the SUP Strategy:**

- Ensure that coastal areas, camping sites, picnic areas and touristic areas are equipped with bins for the separate collection of plastic.
 - To ensure that public events are equipped with bins for separate collection of plastic together with other recyclables (e.g. grey/green bags)
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As from 1st January 2023, Wasteserv has updated the gate fees for mixed waste, which are to increase yearly up till 2027:

Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Fee (€) per tonne	40	60	80	100	120

Whereas the gate fee for **mixed recyclable waste** is **€0.50c** per tonne and the one for **organic waste** is **€20**.

Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Coordination with Waste management operators

- LC should ensure that they make use of authorised waste carriers for the collection of WEEE (such as the bulky refuse collection system) and that all WEEE collected through systems funded by the LC is deposited at CA Sites operated by Wasteserv.
 - Furthermore, all WEEE and bulky waste collections are to be accompanied by a Consignment Note/s, indicating the items which are being collected and deposited at the CA Site.
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Awareness and education

LC and RC are encouraged to raise awareness and educate residents about proper waste management practices. To this end, RCs and LCs are encouraged to liaise with the authorised Packaging and WEEE PROs as the latter are responsible for awareness-raising campaigns on the management of packaging waste and WEEE.

Enforcement and Compliance

LCs and RCs to collaborate with ERA, LESA and Malta Police on any waste infringements.

LCs and RCs are to work in collaboration with authorised waste management operators to ensure the proper collection, transportation and treatment of the collected waste.



Thank you for your attention!

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