CITY OF COPENHAGEN

# How to sort your waste in Copenhagen

**FOOD WASTE is converted into biogas and fertiliser.** Food waste – raw as well as cooked – meat, fish, bones, fruits and vegetables, eggs and eggshells, nuts, rice, breakfast products, coffee grounds and filters, cut flowers. *Use only bio bags and always tie with a knot.*

**GLASS and jars are refilled or turned into new jars.** Wine and liquor bottles, food jars etc. *Empty food jars and bottles as much as possible.*

**PAPER is recycled into new products.** Newsprint and magazines, advertising materials, envelopes, also window envelopes, books, writing – and drawing paper. *No need to remove clips or tape.*

**CARDBOARD is recycled into new products.** Cardboard boxes without styrofoam, corrugated board, packaging for toys, toothpaste etc. *Cardboard must be clean and folded flat before drop-off.*

**ELECTRONICS. Small and large electronic waste are recycled into new products.** Anything with batteries or wires. Electronic waste e.g. phones and chargers, electric toothbrushes, electric toys, irons, small kitchen utensils such as hand mixers, blenders etc. **LARGE ELECTRONICS** *e.g. floor lamps and fridges must be placed separately to be recycled.*

**HAZARDOUS WASTE. For treatment under controlled conditions.** Chemicals and poisons, low-energy light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, paints, spray cans and larger batteries. Lithium batteries must be taken to the recycling centre. *Products and empty containers marked with hazard pictograms are hazardous wastes.*

**SOFT AND RIGID PLASTICS and CARTONS FROM BEVERAGE AND FOOD are recycled into new products.** Plastic bottles without refund, bottles used for beverages and shampoo, trays from fruit and ice cream, plastic bags, plastic wrap. Milk and juice cartons. *Empty packings and cartons as much as possible. You don't need to rinse them with water.*

**METAL is recycled into new products.** Containers of metal without refund, tins and cans, pots and pans, utensils and foil, nails and screws, tools, metal boxes. *Empty all containers as much as possible. You don't need to rinse them with water.*

**LARGE INTERIOR. Wood and metal are recycled.** Most other materials turned into electricity and heat. Furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc. *Bricks, tiles, concrete and similar, sanitary equipment, roofing slates, soil/stone/gravel, building waste from DIY work must be taken to the recycling centre.*

**WOOD** *e.g. furniture and other indoor wood must be placed separately to be recycled.*

**RESIDUAL WASTE are converted into electricity and district heating.** Greasy cardboard and paper, hygiene waste, styrofoam, animal litter, vacuum bags, barbecue ash and other dusty waste. *All residual waste must be properly placed in closed bags.*

**TEXTILE WASTE is reused in new products such as materials for the car industry or cushions and moving carpets.** Texstile waste is e.g. for stuffing in furniture cushions and moving carpets. Textile waste is e.g. worn out textiles with holes or stains, for example from cooking. H*and in your textile waste, clean and dry, in a bin bag with a knot at a local collecting point or at a recycling centre.*