Guideline to waste separation in Germany

Green bin: PAPER & CARTON

- Waste paper
- Crushed carton
- Newspaper, magazines, journals
- Books, catalogues
- Egg cartons out of paper
- Paper bags
- Paper packages and boxes (for example from detergents)
- BUT: If polluted → into general waste
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Yellow bin/garbage bag: RECYCLABLE PLASTICS & METALS

- Metals: Food and beverage cans, aluminum packagings, squeezed out tubes, spray cans, crown caps, screw caps
- Plastics: yoghurt cups, plastic bottles (deposit-free, for example from cleaning agents), films,
- Composite materials: "Tetra-Pack" cartons (from juices and milk for example), polystyrene
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Black/grey bin: GENERAL WASTE – PERISHABLE WASTE AND BASICALLY EVERYTHING ELSE

- Food waste, scraps
- Spoiled foodstuffs
- Cosmetic tissues, paper towels
- Cotton wool, sanitary towels, bandages, diapers
- Textiles, leather, shoes
- Broken glass, small pieces of glass
- Ashes (cooled), cigarette butts
- Drugs, medicinal products
- Rubber parts
- Hair
- Chewing gum
- Candles
- Tapes
- Pens
- Razor Blades
- Vacuum bags
- Wood chips
- Polluted paper
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