

7.5 Recycling

Recycling is quite common in Finland. In fact, especially the paper recycling rate is among the highest in the world. Recycling is the one of the easiest ways to protect the environment.

In addition to recycling paper, glass, metal, and cardboard, normal mixed waste should be sorted into burnable waste and landfill waste. Sometimes composting is also available for bio-waste. Please note that Vasa has a slightly different recycling system where cardboard is not recycled separately but sorted with burnable waste (please see www.stormossen.fi/dagligt_avfall for a more extensive guide). Note that most bottles and cans can be returned to grocery stores and you will then receive some money back in return.

Most residential buildings or groups of buildings have their own recycling bins in the yard or the residential area. If your building does not have recycling bins, you can usually find them next to bigger supermarkets as well. On the different containers or next to them, there are usually instructions on what you can put where. A complete waste guide in English can also be found here: www.tys.fi/en/recycling-waste.

If you don't recycle, although we strongly recommend that you do, please make sure that you do not put your garbage in containers where it does not belong (e.g. all household garbage in the recycling bin for paper).

Turun Ekotori accepts small amounts of hazardous waste (e.g. batteries, fluorescent lamps, different solvents).

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Topinoja waste treatment centre accepts hazardous waste from households and electrical and electronic scrap. Långholmsgatan 7, Åbo, www.tsj.fi/etusivu_en.