

Things you need to know about the underground waste system

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Green waste-inlet for residual waste

Blue waste-inlet for paper, drink carton and plastic packaging

Information panel
The panel informs you about alternative waste-inlets if the nearest one is out of order.

Inlet-hatch for household customers

Inlet-hatch for business customers

Inlet for litter from passers-by

Paper and drink carton
These are put loose, without a bag, in the blue waste-inlet.

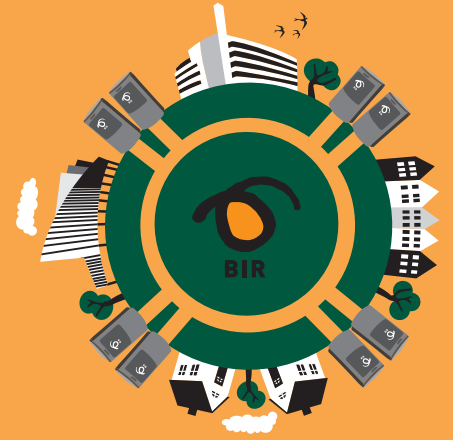
Plastic packaging
This is put in BIR's purple plastic bag in the blue waste-inlet.

Residual waste
This is put in regular plastic bags and tied with a double knot before thrown in green waste-inlet.

Key chip
This is needed every time you dispose of waste.



What is the underground waste system?



The underground waste system (bossnett) is an automated system that transports waste underground using air pressure. The underground waste system replaces waste bins and containers.

Advantages with the underground waste system:

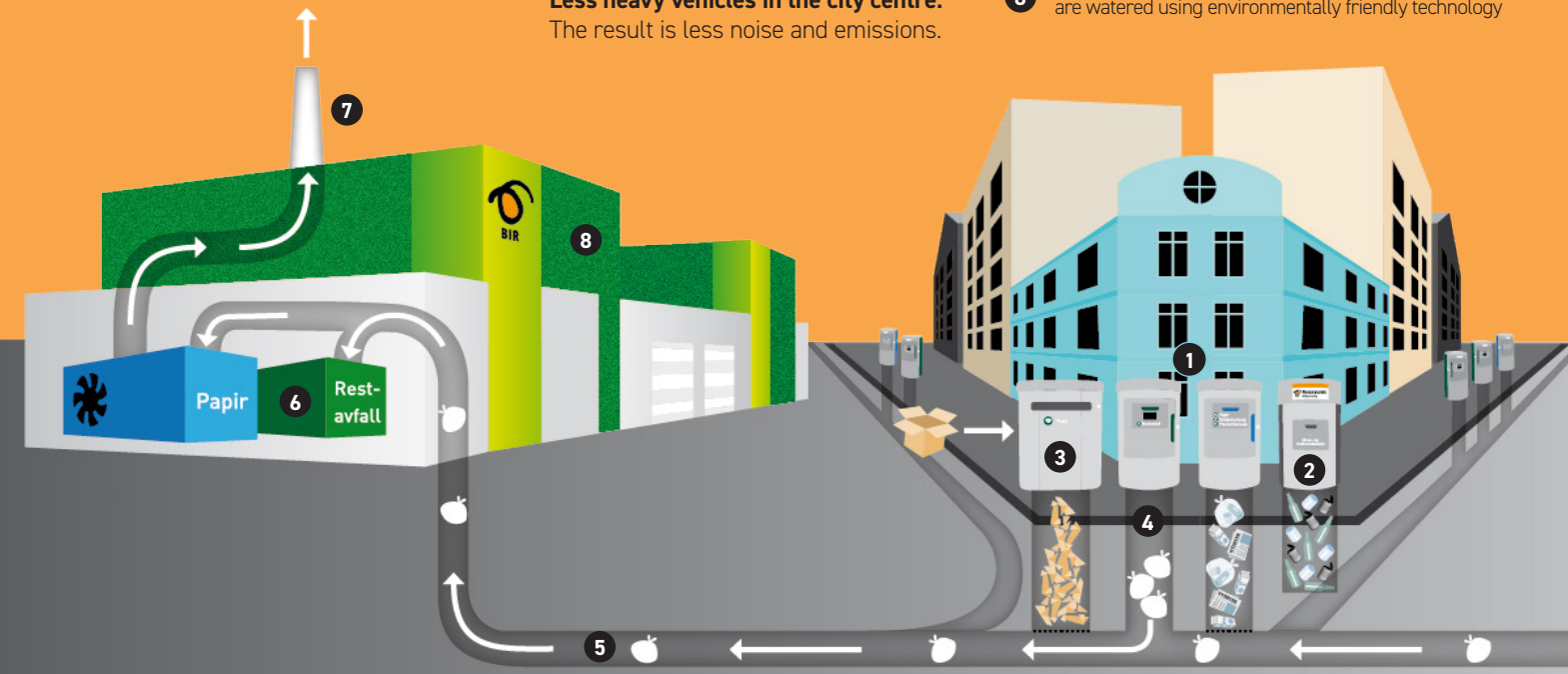
Waste sorting:
Residual waste, paper, beverage cartons, and plastic packaging can be disposed of at the same place.

Fire precautions:
The underground waste system is a closed fireproof system.

Clean and tidy:
Removing waste bins from the city centre will create more space for the street and footpath. Overflowing bins, bad odour and pests will be avoided.

Less heavy vehicles in the city centre:
The result is less noise and emissions.

Your waste will now be transported from your local waste inlet to a terminal in Jekteviken where it is stored in large containers. These containers are then picked up and transferred to various recycling facilities, depending on the type of waste they contain.



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Recycling guide



Residual waste

- YES:**
- Soiled packaging
 - Wet or soiled paper
 - Diapers and tissue
 - Teabags
 - Disposable plates/cups
 - Hoover bags
 - Gift wrap and ribbon
 - Styrofoam



Dispose in a regular plastic bag into green waste-inlet

- NO:**
- Electrical and electronic items
 - Batteries
 - Lightbulbs
 - Hazardous waste such as paint and chemicals



Paper and drink carton

- YES:**
- Newspapers
 - Magazines
 - Advertisement
 - Envelopes without plastic window
 - Drink cartons
 - Paper bags
 - Ripped-up cardboard



Dispose loosely into blue waste-inlet

- NO:**
- Bubble wrap envelopes
 - Tissue and napkin
 - Hard cover books
 - Gift wrapping paper
 - Paper cups and plates
 - Wet or soiled paper



Plastic packaging

- YES:**
- Cleaned plastic packaging such as food wrapping
 - Detergent bottles
 - Plastic bottles, jugs, trays and tubs
 - Plastic bags and foil
 - Bubblewrap



Dispose in purple bag for plastic packaging into blue waste-inlet

- NO:**
- Non-packaging plastic such as pens and toothbrushes
 - Soiled plastic packaging
 - Rubber
 - Styrofoam



Glass and metal packaging

- YES:**
- Jam and sauce jars
 - Glass bottles
 - Tin cans
 - Mayonnaise and caviar tubes
 - Metal bottle caps
 - Aluminium cups/foil



Dispose at recycling point for glass and metal packaging

- NO:**
- Non-packaging glass such as drink glasses
 - Crisp packets and coffee bags with inner "metallic" film
 - Copper, ceramics and porcelain
 - Lightbulbs
 - Broken cups and plates
 - Window glass



Cardboard

- YES:**
- Cardboard packaging such as pizza boxes
 - Tin cans
 - Mayonnaise and caviar tubes
 - Metal bottle caps
 - Corrugated cardboard
 - Cardboard posters



Dispose loosely into waste-inlet for cardboard

- NO:**
- Drink cartons
 - Office paper
 - Advertising material
 - Newspapers
 - Magazines
 - Plastic
 - Other waste



Food waste

- YES:**
- Peels and scraps from fruits and vegetables
 - Bread and bakery products
 - Fish bones and skin
 - Coffee filters and grounds (dried)
 - Eggshells



Dispose in paper bag for food waste into waste-inlet for food waste

- NO:**
- Plastic and bio bags
 - Packaged food
 - Thin soup or sauce (dispose in residual waste, not in sink)
 - Large meat bones and slaughter waste
 - Soil and plants
 - Nappies and pads
 - Cat litter and animal excrement
 - Tea bags (may contain plastic)



Hazardous waste

- YES:**
- Paint, glue and varnish
 - Pesticides*
 - Batteries*
 - PCB windows
 - Eternite and asbestos
 - Spray cans
 - Solvents
 - Waste oil



Delivered to mobile or stationary recycling station

- YES:**
- Light bulbs
 - Electronic toys
 - Mobile phones
 - Computers and radios
 - Appliances
 - Electric tool



Electric waste

Delivered to recycling station or dealer of electric items

