

WE ARE INTRODUCING CLOSE-TO-HOME SORTING

An easier way to sort plastic and paper packaging.



Thank you for
sorting your
waste!



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CLOSE-TO-HOME SORTING MAKES IT EASIER

Your new bin is here

Sorting correctly is now even easier. You have received a new bin delivered to your property. In the new dual-compartment bin, you sort plastic and paper packaging.

We call this service Close-to-home sorting.

Collection will start in early 2027. Until then, you are responsible for the bin.

Why is close-to-home sorting being introduced?

When sorting is easy, more waste is sorted correctly. The goal is to increase reuse and material recycling, so fewer packages end up in residual waste.

Sorting packaging is a legal requirement. Close-to-home sorting must be implemented across Sweden by 1 January 2027.

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Plastic and paper packaging are the most common types of packaging in households. Sorting them correctly makes an immediate difference.



Collection of glass and metal packaging

In 2028, we plan to introduce close-to-home collection of glass and metal packaging. We are currently investigating the best solution.

No additional fee

There is no additional fee for this service. Collection is funded through producer responsibility.





Sharing bins

If you already share the bin for food waste and residual waste, you will also share the packaging bin.

If space is insufficient, contact us and we will arrange a separate bin for your packages.

Collection of your waste

Place your new bin in the same location where your food and residual waste are collected.

On collection day, place the correct bin out by 05.00 at the latest and leave it out until it has been emptied.

Collection takes place between 05.00 and 22.00.

Collection schedule

Your new bin will be emptied every second week, in the same way as your current bin.

You can check your collection days:

- in the LAVAB app
- on My Pages
- or via the service 'When is my bin emptied?' on our website.

We keep your waste separated

Both the bin and the collection vehicle have separate compartments.

Waste remains separated throughout the entire process.

Bin design

The bin has a capacity of 370 litres and is slightly larger than your current 240-litre bin.

The compartment for paper packaging is larger, as it usually takes up more space than plastic.



PACKAGING BECOMES NEW PRODUCTS

The bin for plastic and paper packaging

In your new bin, you sort plastic and paper packaging. The materials are recycled into new products, saving both energy and natural resources.

Close-to-home sorting makes it easier. When sorting is simple, fewer packages end up in residual waste and more can be recycled.



Plastic packaging

Packaging made of rigid and soft plastic, such as plastic bottles, containers, plastic bags, plastic film and polystyrene.

Tip: Collect soft plastic in a used plastic bag (such as a bread bag). This reduces the volume and keeps it together when the bin is emptied. The bag is also sorted as plastic packaging.

Vintertips: Winter tip: Allow damp packaging to dry before placing it in the bin. This helps prevent it from freezing and sticking when temperatures are low.

1 kg of recycled plastic saves 1 litre of oil and reduces CO₂ emissions by 2 kg.

Paper packaging

Packaging made of paper or cardboard, such as egg cartons, detergent boxes, milk cartons, paper bags, toilet rolls and wrapping paper.

Tip: Fold and flatten the packaging to save space in the bin. Larger boxes can be broken down into smaller pieces. If a large item gets stuck across the bin, it may prevent other packaging from falling out during emptying.

Do not overfill the bin. This reduces the risk of items getting stuck and remaining after emptying.

Paper fibres can be recycled up to seven times.



What is packaging?

Packaging is something that contains, protects or is used to present a product.

Keep in mind that it is the function that determines how something should be sorted. For example, a dish brush is not plastic packaging, and a drinking glass is not glass packaging.

If a package consists of multiple materials that cannot be separated, sort it according to the material it mainly consists of. Caps, lids and other parts that can easily be removed should be sorted separately.



Recycling stations remain

Our recycling stations will remain in place even after close-to-home sorting has been introduced. If your bin becomes full, you can leave your packaging there.

Glass packaging, both coloured and clear, as well as metal packaging, should be taken to your nearest recycling station, just as before. There you will also find containers for newspapers and small batteries.

Glass and metal can be recycled an unlimited number of times!

In our app, you can easily find the locations of recycling stations as well as sorting guidance.



HOW TO SORT FOOD WASTE AND RESIDUAL WASTE

The bin for food waste and residual waste

In your current 240-litre bin, you sort food waste and residual waste. The food waste is converted into biogas and biofertiliser, while the residual waste is used for energy recovery.

The bin for food and residual waste is included in your waste fee.

Since 1 January 2024, it has been a legal requirement to separate food waste from residual waste.

Food waste is sorted separately

Separating food waste saves resources. This reduces residual waste and is beneficial for both the environment and costs.

Food waste is converted into biogas that can be used to fuel vehicles, and into biofertiliser that returns nutrients to agricultural land.



What counts as food waste

Food waste is what is left over when you prepare or eat food.

Examples include:

- fruit and vegetable scraps
- bread, pasta and rice
- meat and fish scraps
- coffee grounds, filters and tea bags



Please note

- Use only our approved food waste bags.
- Allow wet food waste to drain before placing it in the bag.
- Do not fill the bag above the marked line.
- Cut flowers and small amounts of household paper are allowed.

Good to know

- Bags and bag holders are available at grocery stores and at our recycling centres.
- If you compost at home, you must notify the municipal authority unit at Lycksele Municipality.

Residual waste is sorted separately

Residual waste is what you put in your regular waste bag – what remains after you have sorted out food waste and packaging.

Residual waste is used for energy recovery and becomes district heating and electricity.

Examples of residual waste:

- envelopes, Post-it notes and pens
- plasters, cotton buds and wet wipes
- worn-out shoes and underwear
- snus, cigarette butts and cat litter
- sanitary pads, nappies and tampons
- vacuum cleaner bags, dish brushes and toothbrushes



If you sort your waste correctly, you get less leftover waste. That can give you a lower fee, because the fee is based on weight.

Bin placement

To ensure smooth collection, the bins must be placed correctly:

- with the wheels and handle facing the property
- approximately 50 cm from the roadside
- at least 1 metre between bins if several are placed together
- placed on level ground, at the same level as the road or slightly higher
- lids must be closed and free from snow



THANK YOU FOR SORTING YOUR WASTE!

The LAVAB app makes things easier

With the LAVAB app, you can easily keep track of your next collection. It reminds you the day before!

- ✔ See your collection days for both bins
- ✔ Get reminders before collection
- ✔ Use the sorting guide
- ✔ View your invoices
- ✔ Find recycling stations and recycling centres
- ✔ Make requests and report issues
- ✔ Receive notifications about delays

Download the app via Google Play or the App Store and search for "Lavab".



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Close-to-home sorting in brief

Here is what you need to know about close-to-home sorting and what the change means:

A new dual-compartment bin will be delivered in 2026. In this bin, you will sort plastic and paper packaging. Collection will start in January 2027.

Close-to-home sorting will be introduced across Sweden in accordance with legal requirements for property-near collection of packaging.

The aim is to make sorting easier and to increase reuse and material recycling

The service is free of charge.

You can view your collection days in the LAVAB app, on My Pages or via the service "When is my bin emptied?" on our website.



Read more about close-to-home sorting in Lycksele at lavab.nu/narsorterat or scan the QR code.



We are on Facebook and Instagram.

Follow us there for updates on Near-Sorted Collection, as well as useful tips on recycling, sustainable water use and other relevant updates on waste, water and wastewater.



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