

GUIDE TO

HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT



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Dear household

It's important that we all learn how to sort our waste for recycling. The better waste is sorted, the more we can reuse and recycle.

At IRF we have set ourselves the long-term goal that by 2030 50% of all waste should be recycled. Today, we recycle approximately 30%, so this is an ambitious goal, but not an impossible one, if we all pull together.

Although Faroese households don't yet have as many opportunities for sorting waste at home, compared to households in our neighbouring countries, many of us can sort our waste better than we are doing today.

This leaflet is a guide for better sorting of our waste. This is done by using the white, red and grey bags, and the municipal recycling facility.

Sorting waste at home gets us in the right mindset, which we then take with us to work, school, etc. And in this way, we as a society can take further steps towards a greener future.

We are all responsible for our environment. Together we make a big difference.

Yours sincerely,



When will I receive new bags?

IRF distributes bags in March and September. Each time you will receive a roll with 28 grey bags and this is enough for IRF to collect one grey bag a week for six months (plus you'll have two extra bags). In March, you will also receive a roll with white bags that should last you one year. If you need more white bags, please let us know via e-mail to **koyrideildin@irf.fo**

If your household consists of six people or more, you are entitled to more bags. You can get the extra bags by informing your municipality. If you run out of bags before new bags are distributed, you can buy extra bags in selected shops all around the country. At **irf.fo** you will find information about where you can buy IRF bags. The waste truck will only collect bags provided by IRF.

When the red bag is collected, a new bag is left to replace it. If you don't have any red bag, you can let us know by e-mail to **koyrideildin@irf.fo**

Skiljiskjáttan – waste sorting guide

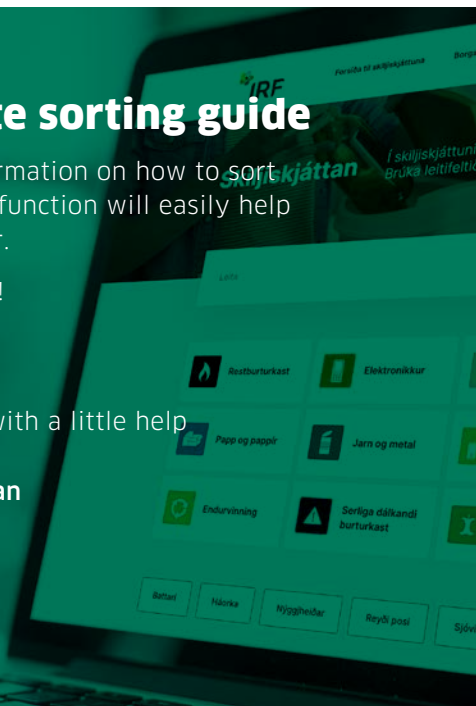
In skiljiskjáttan you can find information on how to sort your waste correctly. The search function will easily help you find what you are looking for.

Sorting waste makes a difference!



Sorting waste is easy with a little help from skiljiskjáttan.

www.irf.fo/skiljiskjattan



Glass

It is possible to sort all glass bottles, drinking glasses and glass jars for recycling. Glass items can be brought into municipal recycling facilities all around the country. We accept transparent as well as tinted glass. Glass items must be empty and rinsed with water (you don't need to use soap). Items can be brought in for recycling with their labels on and with plastic, cork or metal lids.

Please note: Check whether your local municipal recycling facility accepts glass for recycling.

Yes please ✓

- Glass bottles
- Drinking glasses
- Glass jars

No thank you ✗

- Stoneware
- Porcelain, ceramics, ovenproof dishes
- Saucepan lids
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors or windowpanes

Metal

Metal objects can be brought into municipal recycling facilities all around the country. Metal containers (tins etc.) must be empty and rinsed with water, you don't need to use soap.

Please note: Check whether your local municipal recycling facility accepts metal.

Yes please ✓

- Tins
- Pots and pans
- Cutlery
- Nails and screws
- Aluminium cans without bottle deposit

No thank you ✗

- Spray cans
- Batteries
- Gas canisters



The red bag

The red bag is only meant for special waste.

Special waste includes all types of batteries (place these in a jar with a lid on), light bulbs, small tube lights, small electronics (mobile phones, tablets, chargers, smoke alarms, toys, and cables), all chemicals (bases, acids, solvents and lye) and all aerosols (full or empty) such as hairspray, whipped cream spray, spray paint etc.

Collection

When the red bag is full, you place it by your bin on the day your waste is collected. Your red bag will then be collected, and you will receive a new red bag. You can also take the red bag to the municipal recycling facility. Please remember to tie the top of the red bag to make sure nothing falls out.

If you don't have a red bag, please let us know by e-mail to **koyrideildin@irf.fo**. You will then receive a red bag the next time your waste is collected.

Yes please ✓

- Batteries in a jar with a lid
- Tool batteries
- Light bulbs and light chains
- Small electronics, mobile phones, tablets, computers and chargers
- Cables
- Chemicals
- Aerosols

No thank you ✗

- Fireworks (bring to the municipal facility)
- Sharp objects (bring to the municipal facility)
- Medicines (bring to the pharmacy)
- Syringes and insulin pens (place in special bin and bring to the pharmacy)



The white bag

The white bag is only meant for clean cardboard, paper and soft plastic.

Clean cardboard and paper includes magazines and printed papers, pamphlets (remove the plastic bag first), small boxes (e.g. from medicine and makeup), envelopes, shoeboxes, cardboard rolls, books, clean egg trays and clean pizza boxes. Clean cardboard does not include yoghurt, juice or milk cartons.

Soft plastic is any plastic soft enough for you to tie a knot with it. The plastic can be transparent or tinted, and there can be printed text on it. It must not be contaminated with grease, food, or paint. Gather all the soft plastic into a clear bag and place it in the white bag or take it to the municipal recycling facility.

Collection

The white bag is collected when you place it by the bin or – if there is a stand for it – when it is full. The white bag will not be collected, if it contains anything other than clean paper, cardboard and soft plastic.

In Sandoy and Suðuroy, the white bag is collected every fourth week. For more information please visit **www.irf.fo**.

Yes please ✓

- Any clean cardboard/paper
- Magazines and books
- Leaflets (remove the plastic bag first)
- Small boxes (e.g. from medicine or makeup) and shoeboxes
- Envelopes
- Clean pizza boxes and egg trays
- Ordinary gift wrap paper
- Soft plastic gathered in a clear bag

No thank you ✗

- Dirty or wet paper/boxes
- Cardboard contaminated with paint
- Milk, juice or yoghurt cartoons
- Dirty egg trays
- Dirty pizza cartons
- Dirty food wrapping
- Foil gift wrap and gift ribbons
- Hard plastic



Read more ...

about soft plastic at irf.fo/skiljiskjattan
Scan the code to find more information.



The grey bag

The grey bag is only meant for residual waste.

Residual waste is anything that doesn't go in the white bag, red bag or to the municipal recycling facility. Please remember to wrap sharp objects very carefully before placing them in the bag.

Collection

The grey bag is collected once a week on the condition that all the requirements for the grey bag are met.

Requirements

The grey bag must have its own stand, and it must not weigh more than 20 kg. Also, you must remember to tie all the small bags you place inside.

Does your grey bag meet all the requirements?
Scan this QR code to see all the requirements in the updated regulation.



Yes please ✓

- Dirty cardboard and paper
- Nappies
- Hard plastic (e.g. soap bottles)
- Coffee bags and coffee grounds
- Food waste
- Milk, juice and yoghurt cartons

No thank you ✗

- Anything that belongs in the white bag
- Anything that belongs in the red bag
- Glass and metal objects



Did you know...

that you can sort your waste into 9 different fractions for reuse, recycle and waste? Scan the code to learn more.





Yes please ✓

- Pee
- Poo
- Toilet paper

No thank you ✗

- Wet wipes
- Make-up remover pads, wipes, etc.
- Sanitary pads
- Hair
- Condoms
- Tampons
- Dental floss
- Cotton buds

What can I flush down the toilet?

Only toilet paper, pee and poo should be flushed down the toilet. Everything else has to go in the waste bin, because it blocks the toilet, disrupts the system and pollutes the environment.

You must never flush the following items:

Dental floss, wet wipes, make-up remover pads, foam wipes, single use wipes, cotton buds, condoms, sanitary pads, nappies, tampons or hair.

IRF aims to empty all septic tanks in the member municipalities on a regular basis.



Learn more...

about our system for emptying septic tanks at
www.irf.fo/rottangatoming/