A guide to

Sorting the right way

Place the poster on the inside of your kitchen cupboard as a reminder

Together we can make a change!

On August 13, 2015 it was "Overshoot Day". It means that we during 8 months had spent all of 2015 organic resources. The rest of the year we lived over the earth's resources. If all of us would live as we do today in Sweden, we would need the equivalent of 3.7 planet earth. We have important work ahead of us. Together we must change our behavior and how we live. We must purchase less, ensure that there will be less waste and recycle as much as we can. We all have a responsibility towards the environment. Recycling is a big step towards a greener society.

Recycling in Hässleholm

In Hässleholm we sort all kind of waste. Our household waste is sorted in 12 different factions, it's called recycling.

Why should we recycle?
Each time you sort an old package, a bottle cap or a newspaper right it will be recycled. When recycling something amazing happens. Old bottle caps are converted to nuts and bolts. The detergent package becomes a shoebox. The newspaper you read clearly becomes a new newspaper. When we recycle, we do not use new natural resources and therefore we save our environment. We also save energy. Thanks to you the environment wins and it also makes you a winner - every time you recycle.
Plastic packaging

Examples of waste:
- Ketchup bottle
- Crisp bag
- Toothpaste tube
- Plastic bag
- Styrofoam
- Shampoo bottle

What happens to the waste:
Plastic packaging becomes new plastic.

To consider:
You do not have to rinse out plastic packaging. You can throw both hard and soft plastic together.

Paper packaging

Examples of waste:
- Milk carton
- Cereal package
- Detergent package
- Pizza box
- Wrapping paper
- Paper bag

What happens to the waste:
Paper packaging becomes new paper.

To consider:
Stack the packaging to get more room.

Newspapers

Examples of waste:
- Newspaper
- Catalog
- Drawing paper
- Flyer
- Receipt

What happens to the waste:
Newspapers becomes new paper.

To consider:
Envelopes and post-it notes you can throw among the burnable waste.

Coloured glass

Examples of waste:
- Bottles and cans
- Coloured glass

What happens to the waste:
The glass becomes new glass packaging.

To consider:
The bottles and cans must be empty. Corks should be sorted as burnable, caps and metal caps should be placed in metal.

Clear glass

Examples of waste:
- Bottles and cans
- Colored glass

What happens to the waste:
The glass becomes new glass packaging.

To consider:
The bottles and cans must be empty. Corks should be sorted as burnable, caps and metal caps should be placed in metal.

Food waste

Examples of waste:
- Shells from vegetables and fruit
- Meat
- Seafood
- Tea and coffee grounds
- Faded flowers
- Other leftovers

What happens to the waste:
Food waste becomes bio gas and is used as fuel for cars and Hässleholms buses.

To consider:
Food waste must be disposed of in a food waste paper bag. The bio gas plant can not handle plastic.

Combustible

Examples of waste:
- Diaper
- Pantiliner
- Tampon
- Dust bag
- Cat litter
- Dog excrement bag
- Cotton swabs
- Dishrag
- Toothbrush
- Dish brush

What happens to the waste:
Combustible waste becomes district heating in Hässleholm municipality.

To consider:
There is not much that should be thrown into combustible. Most waste should be placed in packaging.

Small electrical waste

Examples of waste:
- Cellphone
- Hairdryer
- Power cord
- Whisks
- Headphones
- Shaver

What happens to the waste:
Electrical waste becomes new products or energy.

To consider:
Electrical waste contains some harmful substances. Therefore, it is especially important to recycle them.

Light sources

Examples of waste:
- Bulb
- Fluorescent tube
- Fluorescent lamp
- Halogen lamp

What happens to the waste:
The material of the light sources is reused or recycled.

To consider:
97% of the contents of a light bulb can be recycled.

Landfill

Examples of waste:
- A broken drinking glass
- Pot
- A broken plate

To consider:
Most waste can be recycled, so not much waste should be placed in landfill. Much of what previously was to be thrown into landfill should now be disposed of in metal waste.

Batteries

What happens to the waste:
The material in the batteries is reused and recycled.

To consider:
Batteries can contain harmful substances. Therefore it is especially important that they are recycled.

Metal

Examples of waste:
- Tin
- Lid
- Cap
- Metal tube
- Aluminum foil

What happens to the waste:
Metal will become new metal.

To consider:
If you do not know if the material is made of metal or plastic, try crumple it into a ball. If it stays in the shape of a ball it is metal, if it opens again it is plastic packaging.