

Save money... by sorting your waste

With the introduction of the per-bag refuse tax (taxe au sac) since January 2012, the price you pay for the disposal of incinerable waste will depend on the quantity produced. To help you reduce efficiently the volume of your waste, you will find some useful hints below.

Compost



All foodstuffs, whether raw or cooked, are to be placed in the compost. Likewise: egg shells, coffee grounds and tea leaves, flowers and plants, christmas trees, garden vegetal waste, vegetal bedding for house pets (straw, sawdust, hay...). Not be put in compost are meat, meat products, fish and their waste.

Paper



All sheets of paper except soiled paper such as tissues, toilet paper, paper towels. Cardboard is to be recycled separately.

Batteries, bulbs, medicine



Please return batteries and bulbs to the shops and pharmacies which sell these items.

Plastic PET bottles



Press the air out of them by crushing them and sealing them with the cap, then bring them back to the shops or to designated containers.

Glass



Bottles, flasks, jars... Discard them according to the colour of the glass (white, green, brown).

Aluminium, used metal



Tubes, cans, tins, aluminium foil, yogurt lids, items... Even soiled or dirty they are to be discarded in the waste disposal site ("déchetterie").

Textiles



After cleaning them, wrap them in bags distributed for that purpose in your mail box and bring them to the specially designated container or place them on the pavement on the designated day of collection.

Special waste



Residues of paint, of chemical products (handwork, gardening, cleaning...) are to be returned to the place they were purchased at or brought to one of the **6 regional centres for special household waste disposal** (“centres régionaux de collecte des déchets spéciaux des ménages”). see: www.ne.ch/dechets under “spéciaux des ménages”.

Where to bring all this waste?

To the containers at collection points and waste disposal sites: paper, cardboard boxes, plastic PET bottles, glass, aluminium, oil, textiles, scrap metal.

To the shops: appliances/ toys /electric and electronic tools, batteries, bulbs.

To the collection centre for special waste (“centre pour déchets spéciaux”): household cleaning products, gardening products, remnants of house handwork.

To be discarded in rubbish or trash bin



Everything else, i.e. all other types of bottles, objects and plastic packages, beverage carton packs, vacuum cleaner bags, cat bedding, soiled paper...).

The tax charged is the price of the refuse bag

The only bags allowed are the official Neva bags at cost of: CHF 1.- for 17 litre bag, 2.- for 35 l, 3.40 for 60l, 6.30 for 110l. They are for sale at usual shops.

For more information

Town of Neuchâtel: <http://www.2000neu.ch>

Town of La Chaux-de-Fonds: <http://www.letri.ch>

Town of Le Locle: <http://www.lelocle.ch>

For the other communities, refer directly to communal offices.

Canton of Neuchâtel: <http://www.ne.ch/environnement/dechets>

Val-de-Travers/La Côte-aux-Fées/ Les Verrières and La Brévine

Waste to be sorted in the same manner but the tax is calculated according to the exact weight of the refuse bags. For further information please contact the residents' registration office (032/ 886 43 00) or check: www.val-de-travers.ch.