

## TIPS AND TRICKS

Each organic waste bin is equipped with a bio-filter lid. However, it's a good idea to follow the **recommendations** below to keep your bin free from maggots and odors:

1. Choose a cool, shaded location for your bin.
2. Line the bottom of the bin with newspaper.
3. Wrap organic waste in newspaper or uncoated paper bags.
4. Do not compact the organic waste; leave it loosely piled in the bin.
5. Always close the lid completely.
6. After each emptying, briefly wipe the edge of the lid with a cloth soaked in vinegar. This will prevent insect eggs from being laid.
7. Remove any remaining residues with a little water before refilling the bin. Allow the bin to air-dry briefly with the lid open. For added assurance, you can spray the bin with a vinegar and water solution after each emptying.
8. Dealing with maggots: Regularly sprinkle rock flour, hydrated lime, or specially designed organic bin powder (available at garden centers) in the bin. These substances absorb moisture and ensure that the maggots dry out.  
**Important: Do not use quicklime!**
9. In winter, we recommend placing your organic waste bin in a frost-free location.

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### These items can go in the organic waste bin:

Plant-based food waste: fruit and vegetable scraps, bread leftovers, eggshells, and nutshells



Animal-based food waste: meat and sausage scraps, fish leftovers, bones, dairy product residues (solid), cheese scraps (with natural rind)



Cooked and spoiled food



Garden waste: flower and plant waste, tree and hedge trimmings, grass clippings



Coffee filters, tea bags, newspapers, paper bags, household wrapping paper, sawdust, and organic pet bedding



### These items must not go in the organic waste bin:

Liquid food waste, liquids, hygiene products, sanitary pads, tampons, diapers



Packaging, glass, compostable fruit and vegetable packaging/nets, compostable to-go containers, compostable coffee capsules



Plastic and garbage bags, compostable biofilm garbage bags, cans, metals, sausage casings/cheese rinds made of plastic, coffee pods



Non-recyclable waste, leather, fur, clothing scraps, vacuum cleaner bags, ash, pet waste, mineral-based pet litter, magazines, advertising brochures, stones



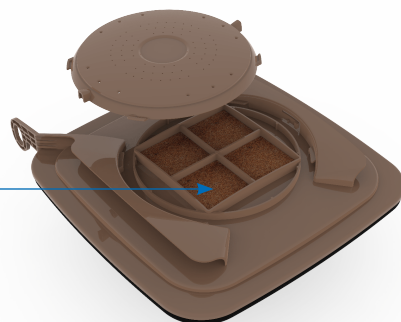
**Important: The non-recyclable waste bin and the organic waste bin are emptied alternately every two weeks. This collection interval also applies to households without an organic waste bin!**

## How do I activate the bio-filter lid?



To minimize unpleasant odors and prevent flies and maggots from thriving in your organic waste bin, you should **activate the bio-filter lid before the first use. Instructions are included with your organic waste bin.**

If you notice reduced effectiveness (e.g., the bin smells despite the lid being closed), the filter substrate should be replaced (typically every 2–3 years). This will ensure that the lid provides optimal protection against maggots and odors.



Coconut filter substrate

**The coconut filter substrate is available for purchase here:**

- » Lachengraben disposal site
- » Küssaberg green composting facility
- » Retail stores in the Waldshut district (see the list on our website under “Verkaufsstellen” (Sales Locations))



**Never miss a waste collection date again!** Our free waste management app will keep you automatically updated on all collection dates.

## Key information about BEN, the organic waste bin:



- » BEN is **optional**.  
Only order BEN if you wish to use it.
- » **No** additional fees are charged for BEN.
- » You will continue to pay an basic annual fee and the emptying fees for your non-recyclable waste bin.
- » BEN is available in three sizes:  
60 l, 120 l, and 240 l.
- » Collection occurs every two weeks.
- » Find all important information on our website:  
**[www.landkreis-waldshut.de](http://www.landkreis-waldshut.de)**

## Information about the detection system

- » The detection system (electronic contaminant detection) indicates whether there are contaminants in the organic waste bin.
- » Contaminants are any materials that **do not** belong in the organic waste bin (e.g., metal, plastic, glass, and non-recyclable waste).
- » As of April 27, 2020, organic waste bins with a significant amount of contaminants are no longer emptied as a matter of policy.
- » If this is this case, there are two options to have your bin emptied:
  - All contaminants must be removed by the next collection date
  - Alternatively, your organic waste bin can be emptied during the non-recyclable waste collection one week later – incurring the emptying fee for a non-recyclable waste bin of the same size as your organic waste bin

### Order BEN now:

- » [www.abfall-landkreis-waldshut.de](http://www.abfall-landkreis-waldshut.de)  
(order an organic waste bin online)
- » Tel. 077 51 / 86 54 32



**Do you already have a free organic waste bin?**

**Important information and tips for using your organic waste bin**

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