



# WASTE GUIDE

Apartment Buildings  
and Row Houses

**KERÄÄMÖ**

# GREETINGS FROM KERÄÄMÖ

This guide was created to make sorting waste easier and help you to understand how our waste management system works. Each of us can make a difference by sorting waste. Thanks to sorting, waste can be reused as raw materials, helping Finland become more self-sufficient, while saving natural resources.

Waste management is a large system involving many actors. This is how it is organized in Pori, Ulvila, Kokemäki, Harjavalta, Nakkila, Merikarvia, Pomarkku, and Siikainen.



## SERVICE TASKS

### KERÄÄMÖ OY

- Collection and transport of plastic, cardboard, metal, and glass packaging, as well as biowaste
- Waste reception at designated points

### PRIVATE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

- Collection and transport of mixed waste and paper
- Waste services for businesses

## OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

### PORI REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Decides on waste regulations, fees, and transport systems
- Handles notification forms and exemption applications
- Monitors property waste management obligations
- Maintains the waste transport register



## MONITORING TASKS

### MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES

- Supervision of waste management

## WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HOUSING COMPANIES



In housing companies with at least five apartments, the waste bin shelter includes bins for carton, plastic, metal, and glass packaging, as well as biowaste, paper, and mixed waste. Congratulations—the bins are ready for you to use!



Waste not accepted at your housing company's waste bin shelter can be taken to one of our reception points: the Hangassuo Waste Center or one of the sorting stations. For example, you can bring old furniture, broken electronic devices such as phones or microwaves, as well as leftover paint cans. Many waste types are free of charge. Check prices at our website.



Recycling points located in store parking lots are intended for detached houses and housing companies with fewer than five apartments. Find your nearest recycling point at [kierratys.info](https://kierratys.info).



Use the pickup service if you can't transport your waste yourself. It's suitable for recycling items like old beds or broken refrigerators. Order the pickup service, and we'll collect the waste from your home for a fee and take it for proper processing.



Waste bins are usually emptied Mon–Fri between 6:00 and 22:00. However, emptying days may change due to holidays.



Especially during Christmas, emptying may be delayed by several days, but bins will still be emptied—sometimes even on Saturdays or Sundays with special permission. At Christmas, it's especially important to flatten cardboard boxes—please be considerate of other residents.

# HOME SORTING GUIDE

## SORT INTO THE PROPERTY'S WASTE BINS

### GLASS PACKAGING



Glass is a durable material made from sand and easy to recycle. Glass containers includes jars and non-deposit bottles. Note that other glass items, such as drinking glasses, go into mixed waste due to their different material composition.

### CARTON PACKAGING



Made from pulp (wood), cardboard is porous and easily recyclable. Don't mix it with paper. Example include egg cartons, milk cartons, pizza boxes, paper cups, and cardboard take-away containers.

### METAL



Small metal items can go in the metal bin along with metal packaging. These items can include tin cans, non-deposit drink cans, mustard tubes, aluminum foil and trays, as well as aluminum lids from yogurt and sour cream containers.

### PAPER



Dry and clean paper, such as advertisements, newspapers, copy paper, and envelopes should be recycled in the paper bin. As a rule of thumb: if it fits through the mail slot, it's paper.

More sorting info:





## PLASTIC PACKAGING



Plastic is made from oil. Put into the plastic bin plastic bread bags, sausage and grill meat packages, as well as empty shampoo and soap bottles.

## BIOWASTE



Use the biowaste bin for kitchen waste such as coffee grounds and filters, fruit and vegetable peels, fish scraps, and food leftovers.

## MIXED WASTE



The mixed waste bin is the last resort—only waste that can't be recycled in the other bins. Examples include diapers, cat litter, broken drinking glasses, shoes, and plastic toys.

**TAKE THE FOLLOWING TO THE HANGASSUO WASTE CENTER, A SORTING STATION, OR SPECIAL RECEPTION POINTS**

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dangerous wastes are those that can be harmful to the environment and health, including paints, glues, oils, fluorescent tubes, solvents, aerosols, acids, gas bottles and poisons.



Medicines to the pharmacy.

## ELECTRONIC WASTE

This category includes devices that use electricity, such as battery-operated toys and mobile phones—anything with a battery, plug, or solar panel.



Tape the ends of batteries and sort them separately.

# CHECKLIST FOR HOUSING COMPANY RESIDENTS



## Flatten carton packages

Don't fill bins with air—always flatten cardboard and boxes to save space and reduce waste costs.



## Biowaste sorting is easy

Pack biowaste well, preferably in a paper bag, and absorb liquids with kitchen paper. Use a ventilated bin. Dry biowaste doesn't smell or freeze in winter, making emptying easier. Note: garden waste is not biowaste.



## Large waste goes to sorting stations

Don't leave large or heavy waste at your housing company's waste reception point. Take it to the Hangassuo Waste Center, a sorting station, or order a pickup.



## Proper bins and emptying intervals

Don't leave waste outside bins! If a bin is always full, request more frequent emptying, a larger bin, or additional bins. Contact your property manager or housing board chair.

**Make the most of the waste services paid for by your housing company – use all the bins!**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### **Small kitchen waste space – what to do?**

You should have separate bins for seven waste types. If space is tight, get creative and look beyond the kitchen. Stylish reusable bags or decorative bins can hide less frequent waste types.

### **Overflowing bin – who helps?**

If you notice problems with bin emptying, contact the property manager or housing board chair. Report issues promptly. Waste trucks don't visit every area weekly.

### **My neighbor doesn't sort – what now?**

Some people sort more diligently than others. The reasons for this can vary: busy life, lack of knowledge, indifference, or sorting hasn't yet become a routine. Guide by example—it's the easiest and most neighborly way to avoid conflict. Free recycling coaching is also available. Housing companies can invite Keräämö's recycling coach (neuvonta@keraamo.fi).

### **Where to find more info?**

Visit our website for sorting instructions and a waste search tool for tricky sorting questions. → [keraamo.fi](https://keraamo.fi)

You can also find Keräämö on social media: Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok and YouTube.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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### RECEPTION POINTS

#### Hangassuo Waste Center

Sorttiasemantie 36

29100 Luvia

tel. 044 701 2520

hangassuo@keraamo.fi

#### Tiiliruukki Sorting Station

Savipajakatu 8

28610 Pori

tel. 044 701 2516

tiiliruukki@keraamo.fi

#### Krookka Sorting Station

Satamatie 27

29900 Merikarvia

tel. 044 701 2500

Check current opening  
hours at [keraamo.fi](https://keraamo.fi)

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### Service Advice

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