

Overview of the waste sorting rules in Brussels, Luxembourg, and Strasbourg

Compartment colour	Compartment contents	Item	Brussels	Luxembourg	Strasbourg	More details
Blue	PMC	Plastic bottles and lids	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bottles should be flattened along the long edge and closed with their cap.
Blue	PMC	Aluminium foil and trays (tinfoil)	Yes	No	No	
Blue	PMC	Metal packages	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Blue	PMC	Beverage cartons	Yes	Yes	No	Beverage cartons should be emptied well. Allowed in the white (general waste) compartment in Strasbourg.
Blue	PMC	Plastic packaging and plastic food containers (bags, films, yogurt, and cups)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Discard each item separately (not piled up/placed inside one another). Detach any film/wrapping, empty well, drain or scrape off any leftover food.
Blue	PMC	Cups (mixed paper and plastic)	Yes	No	No	Both used and clean cups made of paper and plastic can go into the blue (PMC) compartment in Brussels.
Blue	PMC	TETRA PAK packaging	Yes	Yes	No	In Strasbourg, tetra pak packaging is allowed in the white (general waste) compartment.
Blue	PMC	Aerosol cans (e.g. deodorant)	Yes	No	Yes	In Luxembourg, aerosol cans require special disposal.
Blue	PMC	Coffee capsules	Yes	No	No	Blue in Brussels (all types of capsules), white in Luxembourg (but some capsules can be returned to vendor), special collection bins in Strasbourg kitchenettes.
Blue	PMC	Flower pots (plastic)	Yes	No	No	
Blue	PMC	Pizza boxes (dirty)	No	No	No	Used pizza boxes are disposed of in the white (general waste) compartment.
Yellow	Paper	Paper and cardboard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Should be clean and dry.
Yellow	Paper	Magazines/papers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Remove plastic wrapping from magazines/papers.
Yellow	Paper	Paper towels and napkins	No	No	No	In Brussels, paper towels can be disposed of in the organic waste bins in the kitchenettes.
Yellow	Paper	Cups paper (used)	No	No	No	Paper cups can be thrown into the yellow (paper) compartment only if they are clean (or used only for water) and do not contain plastic. Otherwise: white (general waste) in Luxembourg and Strasbourg or blue (PMC) in Brussels.
Yellow	Paper	Pizza boxes (dirty)	No	No	No	Used pizza boxes are disposed of in the white (general waste) compartment.
Green	Glass	Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Green	Glass	Jars	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Green	Glass	Broken glass	No	No	No	
Green	Glass	Ceramics	No	No	No	In Brussels, ceramics can be disposed of as special waste in SPINELLI level -1.
Green	Glass	Metal and plastic caps, lids and tops (PMC)	No	No	No	The caps, lids, and tops of glass containers can be disposed of in the blue (PMC) compartment.
Red	Cans	Beverage cans	Yes	Yes	Yes	In Brussels, these items can also be disposed of in the blue (PMC) compartment.
Red	Cans	Aluminium foil and plates	Yes	No	Yes	In Brussels, these items can also be disposed of in the blue (PMC) compartment.
Red	Cans	Champagne tops	Yes	No	Yes	In Brussels, these items can also be disposed of in the blue (PMC) compartment.
Red	Cans	Aerosol cans (e.g. deodorant)	Yes	No	Yes	In Brussels, these items can also be disposed of in the blue (PMC) compartment. In Luxembourg, they require special disposal.

White	Other waste	Food leftovers, coffee grounds	No	Yes	Yes	In Brussels, leftover food (except bones and meat) can be disposed of in the organic waste bins in the kitchenettes.
White	Other waste	Food containers (non plastic)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
White	Other waste	Coffee capsules	No	Yes	Yes	Blue in BXL (all types of capsules), white in LUX (some capsules can be returned to vendor), collection bins in STR kitchenettes (but also allowed in white).
White	Other waste	Tea bags	No	Yes	Yes	In Brussels, tea bags can be disposed of in the organic waste bins in the kitchenettes.
White	Other waste	Paper towels and napkins	Yes	Yes	Yes	In Brussels, paper towels can be disposed of in the organic waste bins in the kitchenettes.
White	Other waste	Biodegradable bags and packaging	Yes	Yes	Yes	
White	Other waste	Ink cartridges	No	No	No	Ink cartridges require special disposal.
Special waste	Other waste	Ink cartridges	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Special waste	Other waste	Batteries	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Special waste	Other waste	(Re)usable office material (binders, envelopes, ...)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Old office binders can be placed in the corridor - cleaning staff will collect and dispose of them.
Special waste	Other waste	Large amount of papers	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Special waste	Other waste	Confidential documents	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Special waste	Other waste	Small electronics	Yes	No	No	Available in Brussels in: SPINELLI building, in front of ITEC Service Desk (01E) SPINELLI building, beside the Mobility Point (00), SPAAK building, in front of hemicycle (03), BRANDT building, beside the gateway (03).