

## WHAT BELONGS IN THE YELLOW SACK / THE YELLOW BIN?



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- › Beverage cartons
- › Butter wrappers
- › Buttermilk tubs
- › Cans
- › Chocolate foil wrappers
- › Chocolate marshmallow cartons
- › Edible oil bottles (plastic)
- › Icecream packaging (plastic)
- › Medicine blister-packs
- › Menu trays for ready-to-eat meals
- › Milk pouches made of plastic
- › Muesli bar wrappers made of plastic
- › Mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup tubs (plastics)
- › Noodle packets
- › Pet-food cans
- › Polystyrene packages (e.g. for electrical equipment)
- › Shampoo bottles (plastic)
- › Soup packets
- › Spray cans
- › Stoneware bottles
- › Toothpaste tubes
- › Washing-up-liquid bottles (plastic)
- › Wooden (little) boxes
- › Yoghurt tubs and tops



## WHAT DOES NOT BELONG IN THE YELLOW SACK / THE YELLOW BIN?

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- › Air mattresses / tents
- › Baby feeding bottles
- › Ballpoint pens
- › Cardboard
- › Cat litter
- › CDs and floppy disks
- › Ceramic pots
- › Children's toys (wood/ plastic/tinplate)
- › China crockery
- › Cigarette ends
- › Cigarette lighters
- › Clear plastic folders
- › Disposable razors
- › Electrical equipment
- › Films
- › Folding boxes
- › Glass (e.g. glass jars, glass bottles)
- › Hygiene articles
- › Ladies' tights
- › Left-over food
- › Metal pots and pans
- › Nappies
- › Old clothes
- › Paper
- › Paper hankies
- › Polystyrene residues (e.g. from insulating material)
- › Sticking plasters, dressing materials
- › Toothbrushes
- › Unemptied packages
- › Video cassettes
- › Wallpaper leftovers
- › Wood shavings



Regional exceptions possible (e.g. recycling bin); if necessary, please make inquiries with your local authorities.



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# DER GRÜNE PUNKT AND THE DUAL SYSTEM

SIMPLY EXPLAINED



## DER GRÜNE PUNKT

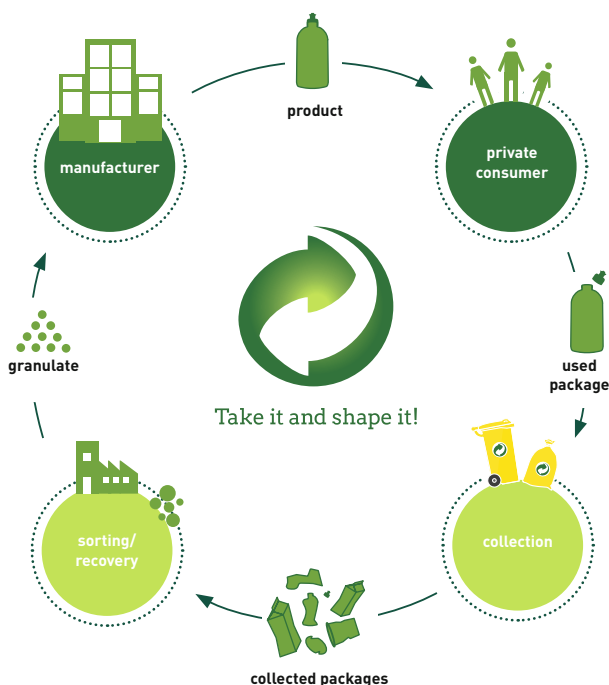
### A symbol of responsibility

Der Grüne Punkt was founded in 1990 as a sustainable solution for refuse avoidance – back then as the first and only dual system. Today, it's synonymous with a fully functional circular economy.

As an internationally protected financing symbol, Der Grüne Punkt signals to consumers that the manufacturers concerned have met their statutory obligations under the German Packaging Ordinance. However, since 2009 packages participating in the dual system need no longer be so designated.

All packages (with and without Der Grüne Punkt) belong in the dual system's collection facilities (Yellow Bin/ Yellow Sack, bottle bank, waste paper bin).

### RECYCLABLE-RESOURCES CIRCUIT

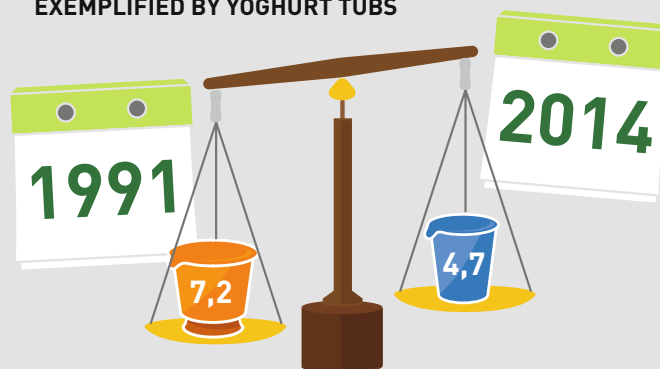


## INNOVATION-DRIVER

### Sustainable recycling

Der Grüne Punkt is nowadays the market leader among the dual systems. As the inventor of the Yellow Sack and the Yellow Bin, Der Grüne Punkt is responsible for collecting and recycling lightweight packages made of plastic, composites, aluminum and tinplate, and for paper and glass packages too. Manufacturers and retailers finance the recycling operations by means of participation fees, which are governed by the weights and materials involved – with a concomitant incentive to optimize their packages. Because the lighter they are and the less material they consume, the less waste is produced, and the more affordable they are for the manufacturers concerned.

### EXEMPLIFIED BY YOGHURT TUBS



The example of a plastic yoghurt tub shows just how well the German Packaging Ordinance functions: in 1991, a tub weighed 7.2 grams, whereas nowadays it weighs 4.7 grams for the same content – a reduction of one-third. Moreover, the recycling rate has been significantly increased: in 1991 it was a mere 3.1 per cent, while by 2014 it had risen to 57.7 per cent. At the same time, the costs for the dual system have been halved.



Der Grüne Punkt purposefully pursues its sustainability goals: to continuously reduce environmental impact, and to assume ever-greater ecological responsibility.

You will find more information under [www.gruener-punkt.de/en/sustainability](http://www.gruener-punkt.de/en/sustainability)

## FOR A GREEN FUTURE

### Motor of the circular economy

Der Grüne Punkt is the connecting link between manufacturers, retailers, disposal firms, the recovery industry and consumers, and is the pivotal protagonist in the circular economy. It organizes the collection, sorting and recovery of packaging waste, commissions disposal partners nationwide, and coordinates the collection logistics with the local councils. It also offers customized disposal services and consultancy – such as Design4-Recycling for sustainable package design.

In order to close the recyclable-resource circuit, Der Grüne Punkt creates access to high-quality secondary raw materials for manufacturing new products. Under the Systalen brand, it produces and sells its own plastic recyclates. Moreover, year by year Der Grüne Punkt invests in new methods of recycling and application technologies, design-enhances the processes involved in treating plastics, and creates innovative consultancy capabilities – always aimed at improving the quality of the secondary raw material involved and closing even more recyclable-resource circuits.