



**WASTE ISSUES AND
RECYCLING IN
RANGÁRVALLASÝSLA**



Changes to waste collection in the Rangár region

The Rangárvallasýsla waste station has decided to take the step toward a more environmentally friendly community by increasing sorting in households in its area and thereby lessen the volume of waste sent to landfills.

The changes enter into effect in May 2019 when a tub will be added to the grey bin located by homes in the region. Residents will then be able to sort paper and paperboard into the blue bin, plastic waste into the green bin and organic waste into a brown tub. The brown tub will be inside the grey bin. Non-recyclable waste is to be put in the grey bin. Further information on the manner in which to sort can be found in this pamphlet.

The emptying frequency of the bins will change; the organic waste will be collected every two weeks, the blue bin will be emptied every four weeks and the green and grey bins every eight weeks. It is important to properly sort all waste so that the bins do not overflow.

The changes mean that recycling from households in the Rangár region will increase significantly. The contents of the bins will be sent to the Strönd receiving station where they will be redirected to the appropriate venues for recycling.

It is important to remember that soiled raw materials are unsuitable for recycling and should be disposed of with general waste in the grey bin.

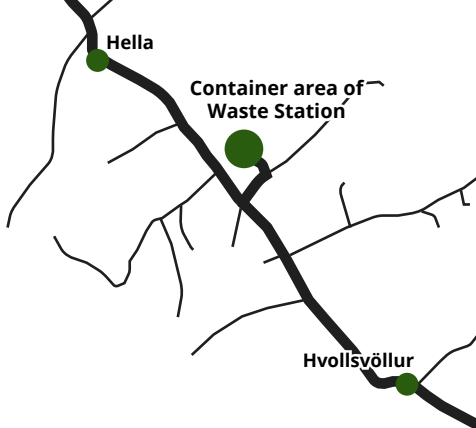
The organic kitchen waste in the brown tub is used for composting, i.e. compost will be produced, which is a nutritious soil improver that is e.g. useful in land reclamation and in forestry. Only organic waste may be put in biodegradable bags in the brown tub.

There are substantial benefits to sorting and reducing the volume of waste sent to landfills and thereby reduce costs and save resources for the benefit of the environment and residents.

*Best regards,
Employees of the Rangárvallasýsla Waste Station*



The container area of the Waste Station of Rangárvallsýsla is at Strönd at Rangárvellir



Accepts all waste.

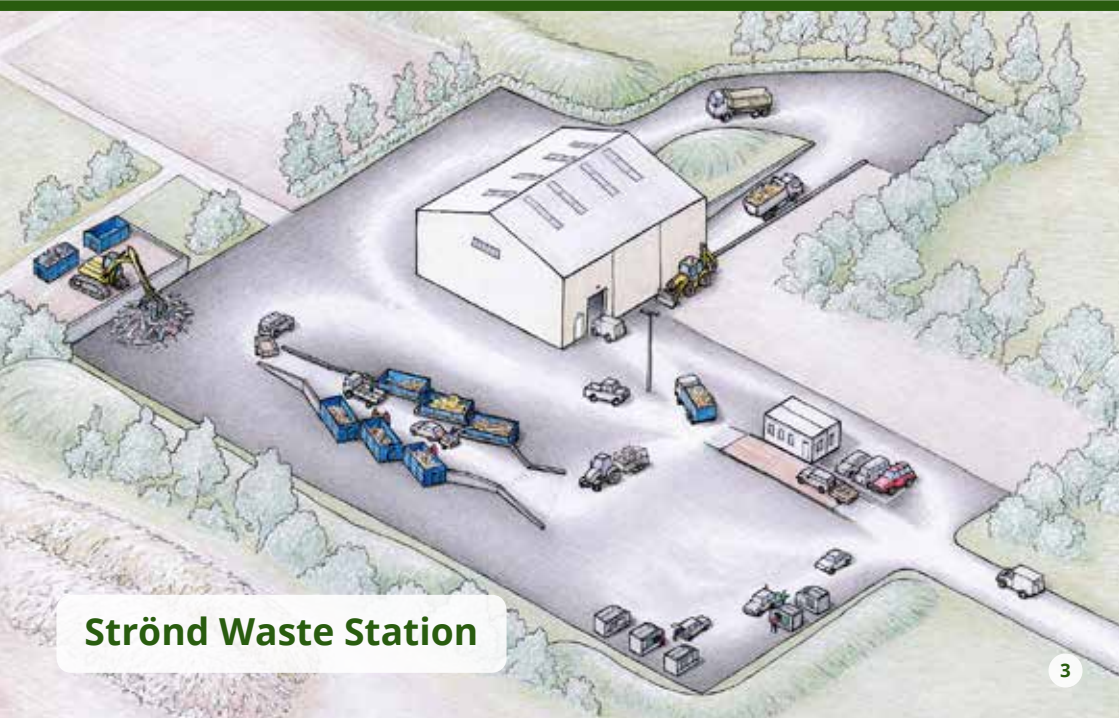
Sorting is as follows:

Coarse waste, metals/iron, electrical devices, wood, tyres, plastics, glass, paper, household waste, animal carcasses, hazardous waste, car batteries, plastic wrapping for hay, vehicle carcasses, garden waste and more.

All enquiries regarding waste in Rangárvallsýsla are responded to at the Waste Station at Strönd, tel.: 487 5157 or the e-mail stromd@rang.is.

Opening hours:

Mondays	kl. 14-18
Tuesdays	kl. 14-18
Wednesdays	kl. 14-18
Thursdays	closed
Fridays	kl. 14-18
Saturdays	kl. 11-15
Sundays	closed



Strönd Waste Station

Care and location of containers



As a rule, containers should not be further from the road than 20 m. The best arrangement is to have containers as close to roads as possible and in bin shelters.



Residents are expected to clear snow from bins and prevent ice forming on surfaces during winter. It is extremely difficult to drag the bins through thick snow, and in addition, icy surfaces can be dangerous.



Overflowing containers can create problems during removal. There is a risk of gulls feeding on the waste or the contents of the bin being blown about. Waste that does not fit into the bins may be deposited in the next drop-off centre or at the Strönd Waste Station.



Residents are responsible for their own bins and tubs. These should be cleaned as needed. This will prevent dirt from accumulating in the containers and causing foul odours.



Sorting into bins

Sorting into the blue bin

The blue bin is for paper and paperboard.

Example: Corrugated paper, newspapers and magazines, beverage cartons.

It is important to organise the raw material according to the instruction shown in the centre spread of the pamphlet, otherwise there is a risk that the raw material will be considered unacceptable for recycling and will end up in a landfill.

NOTE! The contents of the blue bin are not waste.
All packaging must be properly cleaned and all cartons rinsed.

Sorting into the green bin

The green bin is for plastic packaging.

Example: All packaging made of stiff or soft plastic, such as plastic bags, cleaning material bottles, skyr tubs and plastic film.

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Sorting into brown tub

The brown tub is for organic kitchen waste. All food leftovers that forms in households may be placed in it.

Example: Fruit peelings, cooked meat and fish leftovers, breads, coffee grounds and tea bags.

Large bones should not be put in the brown tub, as they degrade extremely slowly.

It is important to use biodegradable (corn) bags in the organic tub, as plastic bags do not degrade in the composting process.

Sorting into the grey bin

The grey bin is for waste that does not have a defined recycling process.


Example: Nappies, styrofoam, packaging made of mixed raw materials (e.g. plastic packaging with aluminium films that cannot be separated), dirty packaging, large bones, etc. Glass and metals should be sorted separately and deposited in the container area.



Blue bin

Category	Acceptable	Organisation
 Corrugated paper	All cardboard boxes that have corrugated edges, e.g. pizza boxes.	Cardboard boxes should be compressed to minimise volume. Goes straight into the the blue bin , without packaging.
 Newspapers and magazines	Newspapers, magazines, envelopes, office paper and other printed paper.	Goes straight into the the blue bin , without packaging.
 Smooth cardboard / beverage cartons	Cartons and other packaging made of smooth cardboard, e.g. breakfast cereal boxes, egg trays and tubes from loo rolls.	Remove food leftovers and rinse cartons. Goes straight into the the blue bin , e.g. into a carton that is filled with many cartons.

Green bin

Category	Acceptable	Organisation
 Plastic packaging	All packaging made of stiff or soft plastic, such as plastic bags, cleaning material bottles, skyr tubs and plastic film.	Remove food leftovers and material residues. Small items are to be put in the green bin in transparent plastic bags. Larger items are to be put directly into the bin.

Brown tub



Organic household waste

The **brown tub** is for all food leftovers, plants and other organic material from the household. Organic waste must be placed in composting bag (biodegradable corn bag) before being placed in the bin. Large bones may not be put in the brown tub.



Fruit



Vegetables



Bread



Rice and other cereals



Coffee grounds and coffee filters



Cheese and other toppings



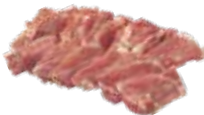
Fish



Eggshells



Tea bags



Meat leftovers



Pasta



Potatoes



Flower bouquets



Kitchen towels

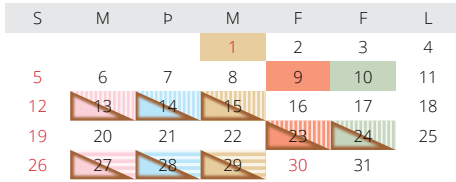


No large bones

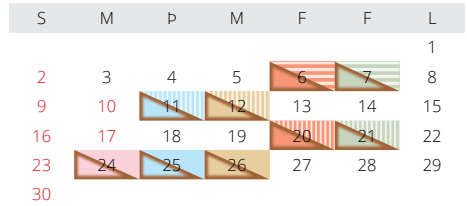
2019 Waste Collection Calendar

Rangárþing eystra

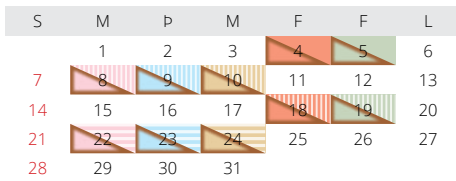
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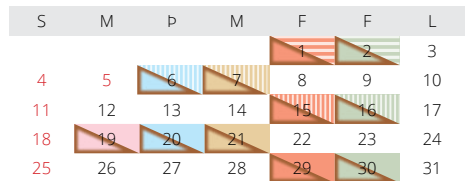
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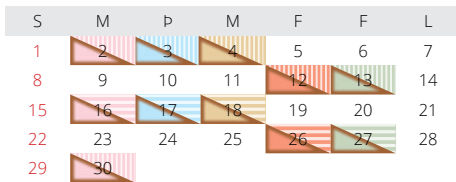
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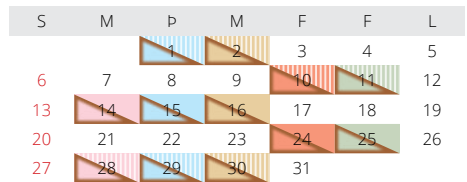
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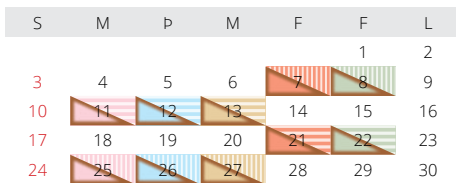
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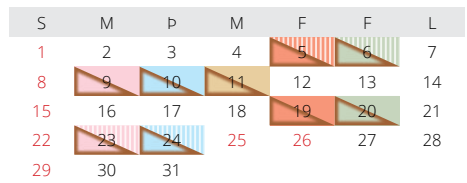
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
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	Grey bin		Ásahreppur, Holta- og Landsveit, Áshverfi
	Blue bin		Þykkvibær, Vetleifsholtshverfi og Árbærjavegur
	Green bin		Oddavegur, Gunnarsholt og bæir austan Hellu
	Brown tub		Hella, Lyngás, Rauðalækur

Drop-off centres Rangárvallasýsla



Landvegamót



Hella



Hvolsvöllur

There are three drop-off centres for extra household waste in Rangárvallasýsla which are mainly intended for residents and the owners of vacation homes (see map). Drop-off centres can be used to dispose of general waste, paper and plastics. In Hvolsvöllur, as well as at the Strönd Sorting Station, there are containers to dispose of more diverse types of waste.

The location of the drop-off centres is being reorganised and may be expected to change over the next few months. These changes will be announced on the Facebook page of the Waste Station, the websites of the municipalities in Rangárvallasýsla and elsewhere.





Why should I sort waste and promote its recycling?

What happens to unsorted waste? Well, unsorted household waste is considered to be waste and is treated as such. It is collected and buried in landfills – it is collected together into one large waste heap and stored there. Reducing the waste sent to landfills has positive results. These include:

- ✓ Less land used for waste
- ✓ Less amounts of toxic materials (such as lead and other heavy metals, arsenic, PVC, etc.) leak from the waste and into the rock layers, environment and the sea
- ✓ Less greenhouse gas emissions from landfill sites
- ✓ Results in less odour and visual pollution caused by landfills

In addition, mention may be made of the fact that it takes the waste up to thousands of years to fully decompose in landfills.



Sorting creates the basis for recycling, and recycling lessens the amount of waste sent to landfills

Goods made from recycled raw materials are better for the environment. As a rule, their production uses less water and less energy, and less pollution is formed in their production than if the product were not made from recyclable raw materials.



Make the environment a priority

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