

Detailed overview of sources of waste generation under section 3 (11) VerpackG

Section 3 (11) VerpackG (Packaging Act) lists examples of sources of waste generation that are comparable to private households. The packaging that typically accumulates as waste with these sources of waste generation is considered to be subject to system participation within the meaning of section 7 VerpackG, and is to be collected nationwide by system operators, separately to municipal waste collection, in line with section 14 VerpackG.

The list under section 3 (11) VerpackG is not exhaustive. The examples listed there are further clarified below to enable the sources of waste generation to be classified. This does not exclude other sources of waste generation that are not mentioned in the list from being classified as private final consumers. Agricultural holdings and craft enterprises whose plastic, metal and composite packaging and/or paper/paperboard/carboard is collected at the rate that is normally associated with private households and in waste bins that do not exceed 1,100 litres (so-called ‚volume criterion‘) count as comparable sources of waste generation.

Comparable sources of waste generation can also exercise a retail function (e.g. petrol stations, jewellers, artisanal food production). Packaging of trading goods that is emptied in the course of such retail function accumulates as waste with retailers, and not with a comparable source of waste generation considered a private final consumer as defined in the Verpackungsgesetz (Packaging Act). This packaging only qualifies as transport packaging, if it typically accumulates with retailers.



No.	Source of waste generation	Without volume criterion	With volume criterion
1	Restaurants, commercial kitchens, accommodation establishments		
1.1	Beer gardens	x	
1.2	Bistros	x	
1.3	Boarding houses	x	
1.5	Discotheques	x	
1.6	Ice cream parlours	x	
1.7	Meals on wheels	x	
1.8	Event catering	x	
1.9	Restaurants, bars	x	
1.10	Catering on trains, planes, ships, and buses	x	
1.11	Large-scale kitchen operations	x	
1.12	Hotels	x	
1.13	Snack establishments, snack bars	x	
1.14	Youth hostels	x	
1.15	Canteens	x	
1.16	Delivery services (e.g. pizza delivery service)	x	
1.17	Guesthouses	x	
1.18	Pubs	x	
1.19	Service station restaurant operations	x	
1.20	Restaurants	x	
1.21	Restaurant facilities on campsites	x	
1.22	Self-service restaurants	x	
1.23	Public houses	x	
1.24	Other guest houses	x	
1.25	Other large accommodation establishments	x	
1.26	Other small accommodation establishments	x	
1.27	Temporary wine taverns	x	
1.28	Dance clubs	x	
1.29	Event gastronomy	x	
1.30	Club premises serving food and drink	x	
1.31	Hiking lodges, alpine lodges (with operations)	x	
1.32	Wine bars	x	
2	Healthcare and charitable facilities		
2.1	Elderly care facilities, also with outpatients	x	
2.2	Bathing and spa springs	x	
2.3	Assisted living	x	
2.4	Dialysis centres	x	

No.	Source of waste generation	Without volume criterion	With volume criterion
2.5	Hospices	×	
2.6	Children / young people's homes	×	
2.7	Clinics, clinical laboratories and pharmacies	×	
2.8	Hospitals, hospital laboratories and pharmacies	×	
2.9	Therapy facilities	×	
2.10	Polyclinics	×	
2.11	Rehabilitation facilities	×	
2.11 a	Paramedics, emergency services	×	
2.12	Sanatoriums	×	
2.13	Retirement homes	×	
2.14	Other homes	×	
3	Educational and scientific institutions		
3.1	Libraries	×	
3.2	Universities of applied sciences	×	
3.3	Research facilities	×	
3.4	Domestic science colleges	×	
3.5	Universities	×	
3.6	Boarding schools	×	
3.7	Nurseries	×	
3.8	After-school centres	×	
3.9	Daycare centres	×	
3.10	Art schools	×	
3.11	Laboratories, laboratory operations	×	
3.12	Tutoring organisations	×	
3.13	Schools	×	
3.14	Language schools	×	
3.15	Adult education centres	×	
3.16	Scientific institutes	×	
3.17	Scientific laboratories	×	
4	Artisanal food production businesses		
4.1	Bakeries	×	
4.2	Breweries, malt houses	×	
4.3	Slaughterhouses, meat cutting plants	×	
4.4	Offal butchers	×	
4.5	Pastry shops	×	
4.6	Butchers	×	
4.7	Millers, milling businesses	×	

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4.8	Party services (rendered by artisanal food producers), catering businesses		×
4.9	Ice cream manufacturers (including the sale of ice cream)		×
4.10	Wineries, cellarmen		×
5	Building trade businesses		
5.1	Asphальters		×
5.2	Building drying trade		×
5.3	Concrete drillers and cutters		×
5.4	Floorers		×
5.5	Well builders		×
5.5 a	Bridge builders		×
5.6	Roofers		×
5.7	Steel fixers		×
5.8	Electrical contractors		×
5.9	Screed layers		×
5.10	Floor and wall tilers, mosaic design layers		×
5.11	Gap and joint fillers		×
5.12	Scaffolders		×
5.13	Glaziers		×
5.14	Wood and building protection businesses		×
5.15	Installers, heating engineers		×
5.16	Above-ground cable layers		×
5.17	Plumbers		×
5.18	Painters and varnishers		×
5.19	Masons and concreters		×
5.19 a	Fit-out construction companies		×
5.20	Builders of stoves and air heating systems		×
5.21	Parquet layers		×
5.22	Piling trade		×
5.23	Sliding shutter and blind makers		×
5.24	Carpenters, window manufacturers		×
5.24 a	Swimming pool builders, pool builders		×
5.25	Stonemasons and sculptors		×
5.26	Road builders		×
5.27	Carpet layers		×
5.28	Civil engineering companies		×
5.29	Residential construction companies, building construction companies		×

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6	Vehicle trade businesses		
6.1	Car glass services		×
6.2	Auto body painters		×
6.3	Car restoration companies		×
6.4	Car washing facilities, car washing plants		×
6.5	Vehicle recycling companies		×
6.6	Coachbuilder		×
6.7	Car body workshops		×
6.8	Motor vehicle electronics technicians		×
6.9	Motor vehicle painters		×
6.10	Motor vehicle workshops		×
6.11	Motor vehicle technicians		×
6.12	Metalworking shops for agricultural machinery		×
6.13	Tyre services		×
6.14	Vulcanisers and tyre mechanics		×
6.15	Bicycle mechanics		×
6.16	Bicycle workshops		×
7	Other craft businesses		
7.1	Clothing, textile and leather businesses		
7.1.1	Tailors for alterations		×
7.1.2	Sewing shops, tailor shops		×
7.1.3	Tanneries		×
7.1.4	Bobbin-lace makers		×
7.1.5	Decorative potters		×
7.1.6	Interior decorators		×
7.1.7	Saddlers and bag makers		×
7.1.8	Shoemakers		×
7.1.9	Sailmakers		×
7.1.10	Ropemakers		×
7.1.11	Embroiderers		×
7.1.12	Textile printers		×
7.1.13	Weavers		×
7.2	Electrical trades, metalworking trades		
7.2.1	Gunsmiths, armourers		×
7.2.2	Surgical instrument maker		×
7.2.3	Electromechanical engineering		×
7.2.4	Electrical engineers		×

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7.2.5	Precision machinist		×
7.2.6	IT companies		×
7.2.6 a	Blacksmiths		×
7.2.7	Refrigeration engineers, air conditioner engineers		×
7.2.8	Metalworkers		×
7.3	Health and personal hygiene trades		
7.3.1	Dressers		×
7.3.2	Opticians		×
7.3.3	Decatisers		×
7.3.4	Hairdressers		×
7.3.5	Hearing aid audiologists		×
7.3.6	Beauty parlours		×
7.3.7	Makers of orthopaedic footwear		×
7.3.8	Orthopaedic technicians		×
7.3.9	Dental technicians, dental laboratories		×
7.4	Cleaning trades		
7.4.0	Disinfection companies		×
7.4.1	Building cleaners		×
7.4.2	Beverage conduit cleaners		×
7.4.2 a	Ironing services		×
7.4.2 b	Pool cleaners		×
7.4.3	Carpet cleaners		×
7.4.4	Textile cleaners		×
7.4.5	Laundries		×
7.5	Printing trades		
7.5.1	Bookbinders		×
7.5.2	Typographer printers		×
7.5.3	Printers		×
7.5.4	Flexographers		×
7.5.4 a	Photo printers		×
7.5.5	Sign makers		×
7.5.6	Letterpress printers		×
7.5.7	Screen printers		×
7.6	Glass trades		
7.6.1	Glass blowers, glass apparatus engineers		×
7.6.2	Glass finishers		×

No.	Source of waste generation	Without volume criterion	With volume criterion
7.7	Woodwork trades		
7.7.1	Boat builders, ship builders	×	
7.7.2	Coopers	×	
7.7.3	Brush makers	×	
7.7.4	Stave makers	×	
7.7.5	Turners	×	
7.7.6	Basketmakers	×	
7.7.7	Cabinetmakers, coffinmakers	×	
7.7.8	Joiners, carpenters	×	
7.8	Metal-working trades		
7.8.1	Coppersmiths	×	
7.8.2	Electroplaters	×	
7.8.3	Goldsmiths, silversmiths	×	
7.8.4	Engravers	×	
7.8.5	Manufacturing of custom-made wire racks	×	
7.8.6	Metal founders, bell founders	×	
7.8.7	Metal grinders, metal polishers	×	
7.8.8	Pipe cleaners, drain cleaners	×	
7.8.9	Cutting tool mechanics	×	
7.8.10	Tank protection firms	×	
7.8.11	Watchmakers	×	
7.9	Other commercial enterprises		
7.9.1	Funeral service	×	
7.9.2	Gemstone cutters, gemstone engravers	×	
7.9.3	Glass painters, porcelain painters	×	
7.9.4	Instrument makers	×	
7.9.5	Piano tuners	×	
7.9.6	Props masters	×	
7.9.7	Umbrella makers	×	
8	Service enterprises, other small scale businesses		
8.1	Agencies	×	
8.2	Outpatient nursing services	×	
8.3	Pharmacies	×	
8.4	Architects	×	
8.5	Medical practices	×	
8.6	Consultants	×	
8.7	Sculptors	×	

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8.7 a	Fire protection companies	×	
8.9	Office service providers	×	
8.10	Design agencies	×	
8.11	Driving schools	×	
8.12	Photo studios, photographers	×	
8.12 a	Vehicle fleets	×	
8.12 b	Janitorial services, facility management	×	
8.13	Complementary health centres	×	
8.14	Engineers	×	
8.14 a	IT service providers	×	
8.15	Physiotherapists	×	
8.15 a	Pool service providers	×	
8.16	Speech therapists	×	
8.17	Artistic painters	×	
8.18	Nail care studios	×	
8.19	Notary offices	×	
8.20	Law firms	×	
8.21	Expert firms	×	
8.21 a	Pest controllers	×	
8.21 b	Forwarders	×	
8.21 c	Agricultural contractors	×	
8.22	Statisticians	×	
8.23	Tax advisers	×	
8.24	Petrol stations	×	
8.24 a	Taxi businesses	×	
8.25	Therapeutic practices	×	
8.26	Veterinary surgeons	×	
8.27	Translation agencies	×	
8.28	Make-up artists	×	
8.29	Auditors	×	
8.30	Dental practices	×	
8.31	Moving companies	×	
8.50	This group includes freelancers, service providers and all other sources of waste generation that are small-scale businesses, but not adult education centres and other education institutions.		×
9	Agricultural holdings		
9.1	Arable farms	×	
9.2	Tree nurseries, nurseries for forest trees	×	

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9.3	Fishing enterprises		×
9.3 a	Fish farms		×
9.4	Forestry enterprises		×
9.5	Cemetery gardening		×
9.6	Forage crop farms		×
9.7	Gardening and landscaping enterprises		×
9.8	Garden centres		×
9.9	Beekeeping		×
9.9 a	Hunting businesses, hunters		×
9.10	Fruit-growing farms		×
9.11	Riding stables, riding schools		×
9.12	Animal shelters		×
9.13	Animal boarding facilities		×
9.14	Animal breeding enterprises, insemination stations		×
9.15	Livestock enterprises, fur farms		×
9.16	Winemakers		×
10	Cultural, sports and recreational facilities		
10.1	Ballet schools	×	
10.2	Boating schools	×	
10.2 a	Boat rental enterprises	×	
10.3	Botanical gardens	×	
10.4	Campsites (operation)	×	
10.5	Holiday resorts	×	
10.6	Holiday parks (operation)	×	
10.7	Fitness centres, gyms	×	
10.8	Amusement parks	×	
10.9	Galleries	×	
10.10	Golf courses	×	
10.10 a	Dog obedience schools, dog training areas	×	
10.11	Youth centres	×	
10.12	Go-cart tracks	×	
10.13	Cinemas	×	
10.14	Churches	×	
10.15	Concert halls (town halls)	×	
10.16	Artists with a location (stage)	×	
10.17	Minigolf facilities	×	
10.17 a	Mosques	×	
10.18	Museums	×	

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10.19	Operas, theatres	x	
10.20	Sauna facilities	x	
10.21	Swimming pools	x	
10.22	Gaming halls	x	
10.23	Sports school (martial art schools, diving schools and similar)	x	
10.24	Sporting facilities	x	
10.25	Sport studios	x	
10.26	Stadiums	x	
10.27	Dance schools	x	
10.28	Tennis facilities	x	
10.29	Theatres	x	
10.30	Animal parks	x	
10.30 a	Club premises	x	
10.30 b	Traffic practice areas	x	
10.30 c	Marinas	x	
10.31	Zoos	x	
11	Barracks, correctional facilities		
11.1	Detention facilities	x	
11.2	Correctional facilities	x	
11.3	Barracks for the riot police for the federal police force for the German army	x x x	
12	Administrations, authorities		
12.1	Banks	x	
12.2	District authorities	x	
12.3	Embassies	x	
12.4	Federal authorities	x	
12.5	Media company offices	x	
12.6	Publishing house offices	x	
12.7	Waste management enterprises	x	
12.7 a	Fire departments, fire control centres	x	
12.8	Finance/tax offices	x	
12.9	Forest offices	x	
12.10	Courts	x	
12.11	Church organisations	x	
12.11 a	Municipal cleansing services, public cleansing services	x	
12.12	Commune administrations	x	

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12.13	Consulates	×	
12.14	Public bodies	×	
12.15	Health insurance companies	×	
12.16	State authorities	×	
12.17	Ministries	×	
12.18	Non-governmental organisations	×	
12.19	Local administrations	×	
12.20	Parliaments	×	
12.21	Police authorities	×	
12.21 a	Recycling yards, civic amenity sites	×	
12.21 b	Rescue services, maritime search and rescue	×	
12.22	Other large-scale organisations	×	
12.23	Other administrations	×	
12.24	Savings banks	×	
12.24 a	Technical support services	×	
12.25	Administrative sections of companies, especially in trade and manufacturing	×	
12.26	Associations	×	
12.27	Club administrations (excluding sporting facilities)	×	
12.28	Transportation companies	×	
12.29	Insurance companies	×	
12.30	Public utility companies	×	
12.31	Trade administration and headquarters	×	
12.32	Industry administration entities and headquarters	×	
12.33	Customs authorities, customs office	×	

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