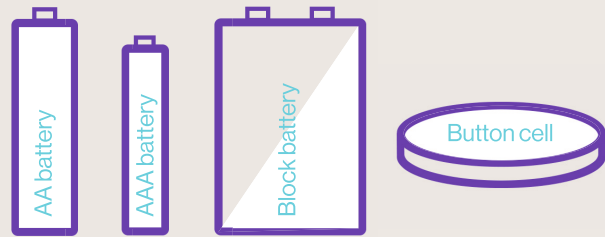


HOW DO YOU DISPOSE OF BATTERIES FROM ELECTRONIC DEVICES PROPERLY?



In Germany, you can return used batteries to the shops and supermarkets where they are sold. There's no charge for this service. You'll usually find a container for old batteries somewhere near the tills. Most recycling centres accept old batteries too.

Look out for this sign – it's displayed at places accepting batteries for free.



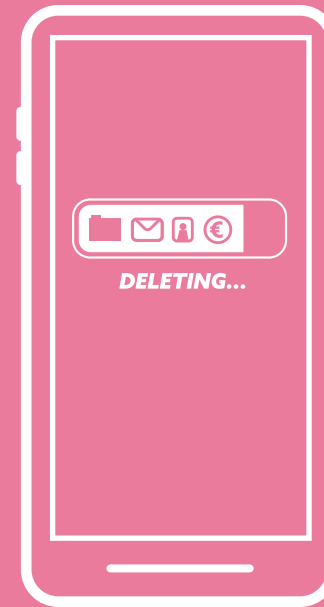
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE DEVICES WITH BUILT-IN BATTERIES?

If you see this sign, you know that the shop or recycling centre accepts old electronic devices.



WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT PERSONAL DETAILS SAVED ON YOUR OLD DEVICES?

Many electronic devices have our personal data stored on them – everything from smartphones and laptops to the latest electric toothbrushes. When you're disposing of your old devices, it's your responsibility to delete your personal data beforehand.



WHAT DO YOU DO WITH BATTERY-OPERATED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES?

If old electrical appliances have batteries that can be removed, you must remove them and dispose of them separately.



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NOT EVERYTHING GOES STRAIGHT IN THE BIN!



Do your bit and dispose of your electrical waste at a recycling centre or store for free.

You have a number of options when it comes to disposing of electrical waste. Big electronics stores have to accept electrical waste and online retailers have to offer ways for customers to hand back smaller items of electrical waste without having to travel too far. Additionally, you can drop off your electrical waste free of charge at larger supermarkets and discount stores.

And don't forget that your local recycling centre will still always accept your electrical waste too.

You can find out more here:

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RECYCLING FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

Each person in Germany generates more than 20 kilograms of electrical waste every year. Adding that up for 83 million people amounts to a massive mountain of electrical waste waiting to be disposed of. And it needs to be disposed of properly. For the good of our health and the environment.

ELECTRICAL WASTE GENERATED

62 million tonnes

ELECTRICAL WASTE WORLDWIDE

1.8 million tonnes

ELECTRICAL WASTE IN GERMANY



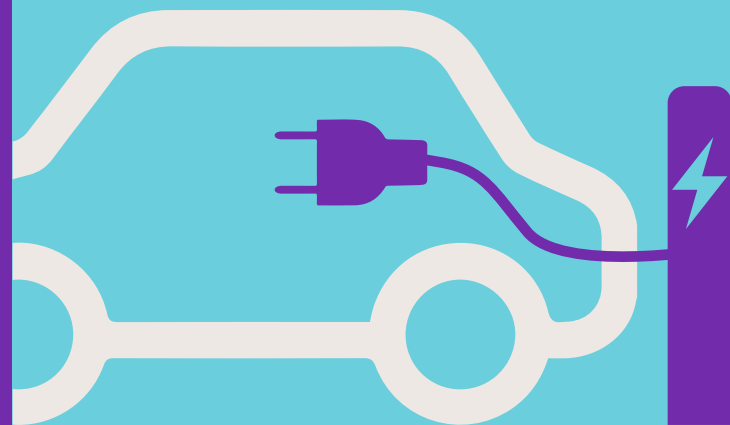
* GENERATED PER PERSON IN GERMANY

Source: The Global Waste Monitor 2024

DO ELECTRIC CARS COUNT AS ELECTRICAL WASTE?

No! Just like petrol and diesel vehicles, electric cars are covered by the End-of-Life Vehicle Directive. That means they don't count as electrical waste.

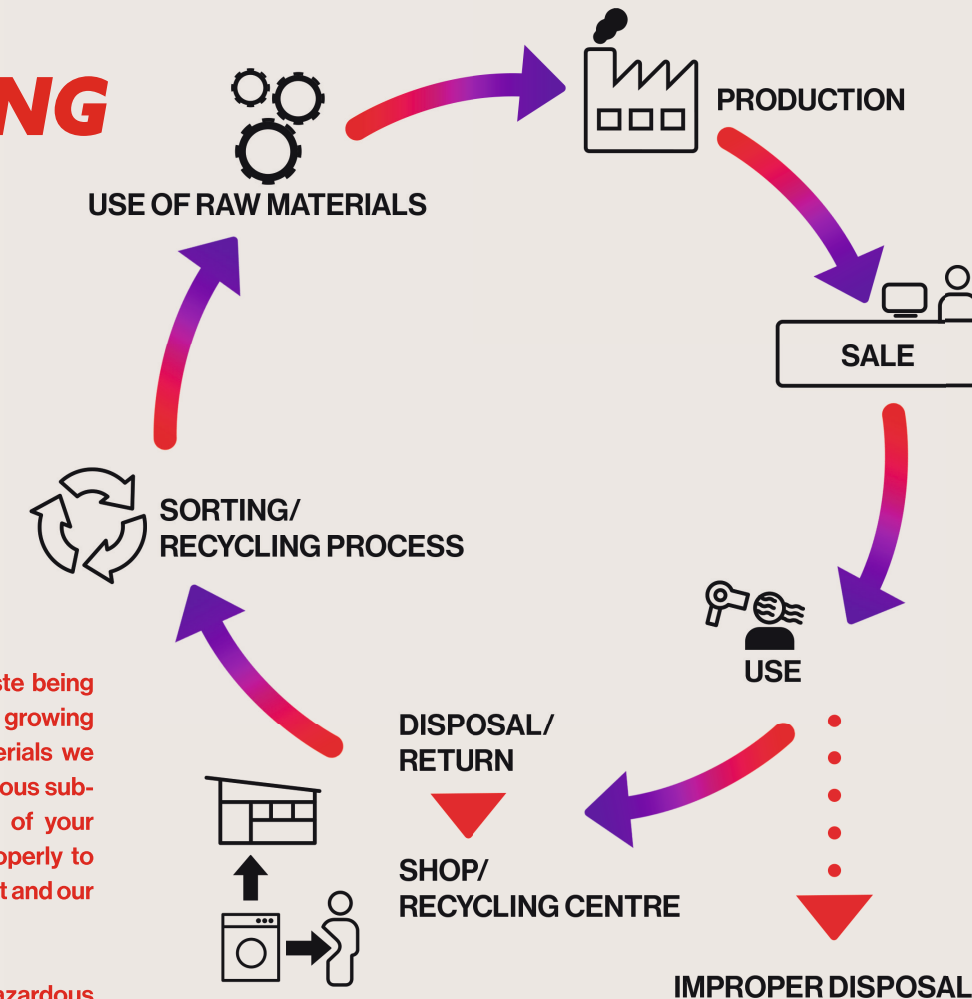
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Where can you dispose of electrical waste for free near you?
Simply scan this QR code using the camera on your smartphone and press the link to open our return point finder. Just enter where you live and you'll see a list of places that accept electrical waste near you.



RECYCLING CAN BE THIS SIMPLE



The mountain of electrical waste being generated around the world is growing every year. It's full of raw materials we can use again as well as hazardous substances. You need to dispose of your old devices and appliances properly to avoid causing harm to our planet and our health.

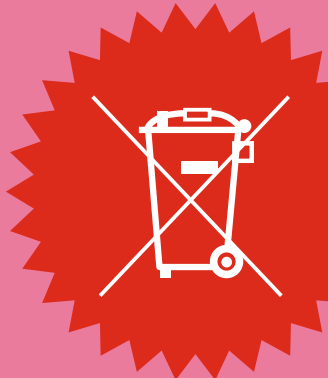
This way, we can prevent hazardous substances from being released into the environment and we can make use of valuable raw materials all over again.

IMPROPER DISPOSAL
In Germany, over half of the old electronic devices and electrical appliances either end up with the household waste or are disposed of illegally. And this breaks the recycling cycle.

WHAT COUNTS AS ELECTRICAL WASTE?

Almost all devices that need power – via the mains, batteries or solar cells – can be classed as electrical waste if they can't be repaired or if you've finished with them and have no intention of passing them on to someone else.

If you're not sure if your device or appliance really counts as electrical waste, just look out for the symbol of a crossed-out bin. It's a requirement on any product that needs to be treated as electrical waste.



ELECTRICAL WASTE IS NEVER HOUSEHOLD WASTE

If you spot the symbol of a crossed-out bin on your old device or appliance, you know that it doesn't belong with your usual household waste. Instead, you'll need to dispose of it at your local recycling centre, take it to a retail recycling point or follow the manufacturer's instructions for disposal. Make sure you do your bit to bring an end to illegal waste disposal.