



✓ The cleaning of buildings and the internal selective collection of waste

The cleaning and selective waste collection service is of special importance in order to minimise our environmental impact and gain in coherence.





According to studies carried out in three municipal buildings, the waste generated each year per worker exceeds 100 kg, though the quantity varies considerably (between 50 and 170 kg per year). Approximately 70% ends up being collected as selective waste (basically paper).

The cleaning service of local buildings is done by a greened contracted company as it has introduced the use of the most environmentally friendly cleaning products as well as compulsory selective waste collection. It is in selective waste collection that the service becomes a vehicle to raise the awareness among staff by establishing new responsibilities. Staff of the city council can separate the different types of waste generated (paper, packaging, glass and refuse) and place them in the corresponding receptacle which the contracted company will have put at their disposal.

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Eco-wastepaper basket – Selective collection of paper

The individual eco-wastepaper basket is a cardboard box for the selective collection of waste paper which can be placed beside your desk.

Posters indicating selective waste collection

In order to improve the signage of the internal collection points of selective waste inside Barcelona City Council buildings, a series of posters has been designed to indicate the collection points.

→ You can request the eco-wastepaper baskets and posters at: ajuntamentsostenible@bcn.cat

Recycling of toner

Barcelona City Council purchases some 7,000 cartridges of ink a year (for printers, photocopiers and fax machines), which, once used, become waste.

In order to add a social improvement to the environmental benefit of collecting toner selectively, Barcelona City Council has signed an agreement with the Intersectorial Association of Recyclers and Social Enterprises of Catalonia - Associació Intersectorial de Recuperadors i Empreses Socials de Catalunya (AIRES) and FEMAREC, SCCL.

Moreover, we workers can also place our ink cartridges from home in the same containers, which means we help towards selective waste collection with added social value.



GREENED-UP REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Details of the building cleaning service (2005)
- Collaboration agreement between Barcelona City Council and the Fundació Aires and FEMAREC concerning the selective collection of toner for social purposes (2005)



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GOOD PRACTICES ↓

Waste management

→Waste management at the Coll Civic Centre

At the Civic Centre, important work is being done to manage waste correctly and to socialise the Green Office. At the entrance to the Civic Centre there is an information desk concerning environmental issues that brings together news items, activities, advice, etc. The selective waste containers have been placed at strategic points, for example the collection of packaging and refuse is located next to the coffee machine. Furthermore, at each work post a container has been placed for the specific collection of paper and cardboard, the main waste product generated by offices.



→Selective collection of toner by labour insertion enterprises

At the beginning of 2006, there were 64 local centres where such labour insertion enterprises were already performing the selective collection of toner. Among many others, they were the following:

- The Department of Statistics
- Municipal Town Planning Institute
- Sustainable Barcelona Resource Centre
- Fire Station
- Les Corts and Sant Andreu district main offices
- Civic centres
- Municipal Computing Institute

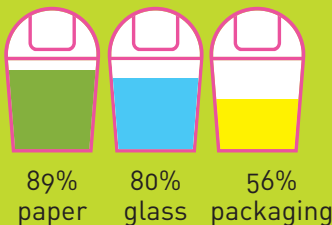
The aim of the agreement is that, at the end of the year, these enterprises will collect the toner from all local authority offices. You can find the full list at ↓

www.bcn.cat/agenda21/ajuntamentsostenible

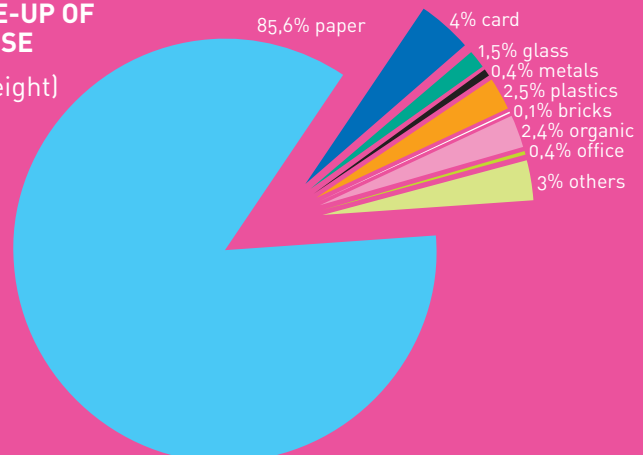
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Pilot scheme for selective collection at Urban Services and the Environment

In 2002 its 200 members of staff selectively collected:



→MAKE-UP OF REFUSE (% weight)





FOLLOW-UP INDICATORS ↓

→**Internal selective waste collection points**

At all local authority offices, internal selective waste collection points are being installed. The placing of the bins is the responsibility of the externally-contracted cleaning companies.

Collection points	2003	2006
Paper, packaging, glass, refuse	199	229
Toner	18	77



↓ Selective waste collection starts with you