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Is there a fine for giving up waste on the street?

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Yes. It is forbidden to throw or leave waste on the street. Likewise, it is forbidden to deposit your waste without complying with the rules of waste collection defined by the city council (day, hours, sorting). In both cases, failure to comply with the ban is punishable by a fine.

Garbage disposal

Depositing, abandoning, discarding or dumping any type of waste on public roads shall be punishable by standard fine.

If you pay immediately or within 45 days of the finding of infringement (or the notice of infringement), the fine is €135.

If you pay after this 45 days, the fine is €375.

If you do not pay the lump sum fine or challenge it, the [police court \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1457?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1457?lang=en) is seized.

The judge may decide on a fine of €750 maximum (or up to €1,500, [confiscation of vehicle \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21887?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21887?lang=en), if you used it to transport the waste).

Non-compliance with waste collection rules

Failure to comply with the waste collection conditions (day, time, sorting), is punishable by standard fine.

If you pay immediately or within 45 days of the finding of infringement (or the notice of infringement), the fine is €35.

If you pay after this 45 days, the fine is €75.

If you do not pay the lump sum fine or challenge it, the [police court \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1457?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1457?lang=en) is seized. It may, in particular, decide on a fine of €150 maximum.

 **Please note :** if you leave a container or a trash bin permanently on the street, you risk a fine of €750 maximum.

To find out about the collection rules, you have to contact your town hall.

Who shall I contact

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▸ [City \(https://annuaire.service-public.fr/\)](https://annuaire.service-public.fr/)

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Penal Code: R634-2 [↗ \(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000042662252\)](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000042662252)
Waste disposal and disposal
- Penal Code: R632-1 [↗ \(http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006165428&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719\)](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006165428&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719)
Non-compliance with collection rules
- Penal Code: R635-8 [↗ \(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006165436\)](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006165436)
Abandonment of trash transported in a vehicle
- Penal Code: R644-2 [↗ \(http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCodeArticle.do?idArticle=LEGIARTI000006419558&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719\)](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCodeArticle.do?idArticle=LEGIARTI000006419558&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719)
Ongoing congestion on the highway

Online services and forms

- How to sort waste and where to put it? [↗ \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R55997?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R55997?lang=en)
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