Press release

Statistics Netherlands

More household waste

Municipal cleansing departments collected more than 8.6 million tonnes of household waste. This comes down to 546 kilograms for each inhabitant. The volume of waste went up by almost 3% on 1998. Preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands show that there was more bulky waste to collect, such as bulky waste from gardens, wood, and bulky household waste.

There was a remarkable development in separate waste collection. After years of increase, the volume of glass, and old paper collected separately stayed the same. And there was less small organic waste from fruit, vegetables and gardens.

More bulky waste

The volume of bulky household waste, such as waste from gardens, wood, and miscellaneous waste increased by more than 4% in 1999 to almost 2 million tonnes. The volume of wood increased most, with nearly 20%. Bulky garden waste saw an 11% increase.

Separate waste collection stable

In 1999 almost 4 million tonnes of household waste was collected separately. The total volume of separately collected household waste increased slightly on 1998. Separately collected waste makes up about 46% of all waste collected, which is a slightly lower share in the total than in 1998.
Almost half of the separately collected waste was brought to the bottle banks, paper igloos or municipal waste collection stations. The rest was collected door to door by the municipalities.

Less fruit, vegetable and garden refuse

The volume of waste collected from fruit, vegetables and small garden waste material fell by almost 2% in 1999. More than 92 kilograms was collected per inhabitant in 1999. In urban areas that was 27 kilos per inhabitant, in non-urbanised areas almost 5 times as much or 145 kilograms per inhabitant.

Same volume of glass and old paper collected

After years of increase the volume of glass and old paper collected in 1999 was almost the same as in 1998. The municipalities collected almost 320 thousand tonnes of glass. This comes down to about 20 kilograms per inhabitant. About a million tonnes of old paper and cardboard was collected in 1999. This is about a quarter of the total volume of separately collected waste.

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Waste collected from Dutch households/ Ingezameld afval van huishoudens in Nederland

Household waste/Huishoudelijk afval	1998	1999
	1000 ton	
Total collected /Totaal ingezameld Of which waarvan	8 374	8 614
Separately collected/ Gescheiden ingezameld	3 895	3 957
Of which/ waaronder Garden, fruit vegetable waste/GFT afval	1 488	1 459
Old paper, cardboard/ Oud papier en karton	1 010	1 006
Construction waste/ Puin	398	402
Glas	319	318
Bulky garden waste/ Grof tuinafval	294	328
Wood/Houtafval	143	171
Metals/Metalen	76	69
Textiles/Textiel	43	45
Small chemical waste/ Klein chemisch afval	21	21
Other waste/ Gemengd ingezameld	4 479	4 657
Of which/ waaronder Household waste/ Huishoudelijk restafval	3 662	3 804
Bulky household waste/ Grof huishoudelijk restafval	724	759

Inhabitants / Aantal inwoners in Nederland (mln.)	15.65	15.76

Source/Bron : CBS/Statistics Netherlands