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## ***Nine million tonnes of household waste collected***

The volume of household waste collected by Dutch municipalities increased in the year 2000 to 9 million tones. This comes down to 566 kilograms per inhabitant, up 14 kilograms on 1999. Compared to 1999 the total volume of collected waste increased by 3%, according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands.

The annual increase in the volume of separately collected waste has hardly changed since 1998. In 2000 the increase mainly consisted of bulky household waste. The volume of vegetable and garden waste (known in Dutch as GFT-afval) increased on 1999, but the trend points at stabilisation. In 2000 the amount of old paper and cardboard collected fell by 4% compared to 1999.

### ***Share of separately collected household waste stabilising***

In 2000 some 4.1 million tonnes of household waste was collected separately. This is a 2% increase on the 1999 volume. The annual increase since 1998 averaged 3%, remaining virtually unchanged. Until 1998 the average had been closer to 13%. The share of separately collected household waste in terms of the total volume of waste collected has been stable since 1998 at 46%.

### ***Stabilisation of the volume of separately collected organic waste***

In 1998 and 1999 the volume of separately collected vegetable and garden waste (GFT-afval) fell, but in 2000 there was a 2% increase on the previous year. The total quantity has been stable since 1996 at almost 1.5 million tonnes. In 2000 the amount of separately collected organic waste per inhabitant was 92 kilograms .

### ***Drop in volume of separately collected old paper and cardboard***

After years of increase the quantity of separately collected paper and cardboard waste fell by 4% in 2000 to less than 1 million tonnes. Per capita this was over 62 kilograms in the year 2000, 3 kilograms less per inhabitant.

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### ***Collection of scrapped household appliances going strong***

The quantities of scrapped household appliances collected by municipalities in the year 2000, such as televisions, refrigerators and ICT equipment increased by 27% on 1999 to a total of 43 thousand tonnes. Since 1996 the quantity of collected appliances nearly quadrupled. This increase is due to the set-up of a removal system for household appliances and equipment. Used household appliances have to be taken in, and as of 1 January 2000 this also includes small appliances.

### ***More bulky waste collected***

Almost 2.2 million tonnes of separately collected bulky waste, such as bulky garden waste, wood, construction materials and mixed bulky waste was collected in 2000. This is an 8% increase on 1999. The quantity of wood increased most, namely by 18%. The amount of mixed bulky household waste collected in 2000 increased by 8% to 0.8 million tonnes.

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**Table 1 – Household waste collected by Dutch municipalities since 1994**

Jaar	Total	Total seperately collected	GFT	Paper and cardboard	Household appliances
	X 1000 tonnes				
1994	7 331	2 756	1 231	716	.
1995	7 443	3 143	1 427	727	12
1996	7 710	3 441	1 459	840	12
1997	8 139	3 776	1 531	922	16
1998	8 346	3 894	1 488	1 012	26
1999	8 697	4 049	1 444	1 038	34
2000*	8 979	4 137	1 469	994	43

. incomplete series

\* preliminary figures

**Source : Statistics Netherlands**