



Waste newsletter

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Dear residents,

In the canton of Geneva, more than half of the contents of garbage bags could still be recycled.

Sorting more would be an economy for households and the municipality, but above all a progress for our environment. Because manufacturing consumer goods is not neutral for our planet. That's why it's important to continue sorting well, and do it as much as possible.






While keeping in mind that the best waste is the one we do not produce...

Enjoy the read,

Ricardo Muñoz, mayor

2024 situation

Evolution of the weight (kg) of annual urban waste (UW) produced per inhabitant

	2020 1'677 inhab.	2021 1'718 inhab.	2022 1'748 inhab.	2023 1'683 inhab.	2024 1'675 inhab.
 Incinerated urban waste (IUW)	191	173	161	188	186
 Garden waste	196	201	186	164	209
 Kitchen waste	23	19	18	21	20
 Glas	32	35	32	33	31
 Paper	37	35	33	30	34
Others (PET, aluminium / tinfoil, coffee capsules, batteries, clothes)	11	9	9	9	8
Total urban waste / inhabitant (kg)	499	475	440	445	488

Source : Service de géologie, sols et déchets (GESDEC) et RETRIPA, 2025

Definition

Urban waste (UW) : all waste produced by households, including bulky waste, recycled waste and incinerated urban waste (IUW)

Source : Plan cantonal de gestion des déchets 2020-25, p.28, GESDEC

Our black bags are still too heavy!

In Collex-Bossy, with an average of 186 kg per inhabitant, we are still very far from the 160 kg per inhabitant that the Chenevriers IV incineration plant will be able to support once completed, by 2029.

Evolution of the annual recycling rate (%)

Recycling rate

Source: Service de géologie, sols et déchets (GESDEC), 2025

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
61.8	63.6	63.3	58.2	62.2

Definition

The recycling rate : is calculated by adding all the recyclable waste collected and dividing them by the total urban waste.

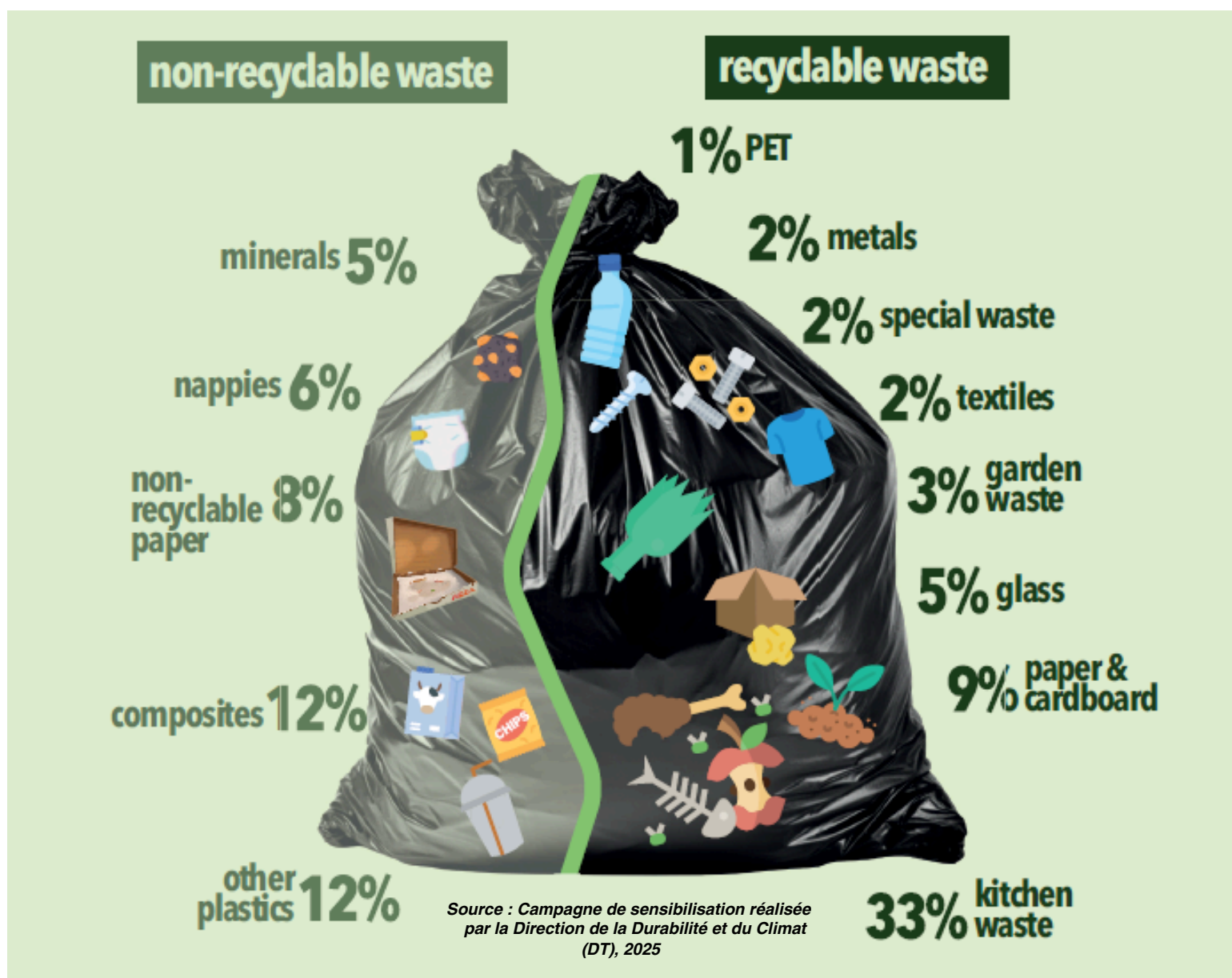
Source : Plan cantonal de gestion des déchets 2020-25, p.30, GESDEC

If Collex-Bossy can claim to have a recycling rate above the cantonal average of 45.8%, it is mainly because we produce a volume of garden waste, considered recyclable, among the highest in the canton.

The municipality will investigate in order to understand where this sharp increase comes from and ensure that professionals do not come to throw their green waste into our rubbishes.

Useful resources like:

- **Ge-reutilise.ch** : list of stores that sell second hand or offer rental items
- **Ge-repare.ch** : list of addresses where to have your items repaired
- **Repair-cafe.ch** : list of repair workshops of the *Fédération romande des consommateurs*
- **Energie-environnement.ch** : tips for using electrical devices
- **Pumpipumpe.ch** : to lend and borrow objects easily between neighbors
- **Manivelle.ch** : to borrow objects rather than buying them
- **Labelinfo.ch** : to find one's way in the world of labels
- **Trionsmieux.ge.ch** : to know everything about waste sorting in Geneva





Some suggestions to produce less waste

Prefer bulk purchases at the market or the store. The site zerowasteswitzerland lists addresses of bulk stores.

Let's use reusable bags when shopping.

Refuse disposable items in cafes, bars, and restaurants (straws, stirrers, etc.)

Let's take our personal containers for our coffee and takeaway meals.

For the cat, opt for plant-based bedding, which does not produce chewing iron (unlike mineral bedding = 10% of the chews).

Beware of so-called 'compostable' containers (e.g. bamboo, corn, etc.) they often contain plastic, unless they are marked «OK Compost»**.

Let's refuse advertising and free posts in our mailbox.

Space for the recovery of Chânats
Chemin des Chânats, 1293 Bellevue

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